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CHINESE SPY GETS 8 YEARS

Judge says ex-IIT student Ji Chaoqun wanted to infiltrate some of most sensitive operations in US

Charges part of probe that led to unprecedented extradition of an intelligence agent from China

By Jason Meisner | Chicago Tribune

A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced a former Chicago college student to eight years in federal prison for spying on behalf of the Chinese government, saying it was clear that his ultimate goal was to become a "sleeper agent" and infiltrate some of the United States' most sensitive operations.

Lawyers for Ji Chaoqun had asked U.S. District Judge Ronald Guzman for a sentence of time served, portraying Ji as a young and idealistic student manipulated by far more sophisticated members of China's espionage recruitment agency, and noting he never actually provided his home country with any sensitive U.S. secrets.

However, in handing down the 96-month term Guzman said he was disturbed by Ji's "long-range" plans for the future that included joining the U.S. Army to earn a fast track to citizenship, gain access to sensitive bases

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FROM CHINA TO CHICAGO AND BACK: Ji came to Chicago in 2013 to study at IIT, a small private school that had forged educational ties with Chinese colleges. After traveling back to China during winter break, Ji was "wined and dined" by Chinese agents and eventually given a top secret contract.

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García pushes back on mailer

Wants 23rd Ward candidate with ties to Madigan to stop using his image

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

As Chicago mayoral candidate Jesús "Chuy" García fends off efforts by political opponents trying to tie him to indicted former House Speaker Michael Madigan, his campaign is calling on a Southwest Side aldermanic candidate who briefly worked for Madigan's political organization to stop using a picture of García on political flyers.

The campaign brochures focus mostly on the race for alderman of the 23rd Ward near Midway Airport. But the mailers — a well-worn tool for typically parochial races — could have broader implications in the mayoral race and particularly for García, a congressman who is one of eight challengers looking to upend Mayor Lori Lightfoot's efforts for a second term.

The latest twist in the García-Madigan saga is playing out on doorsteps and

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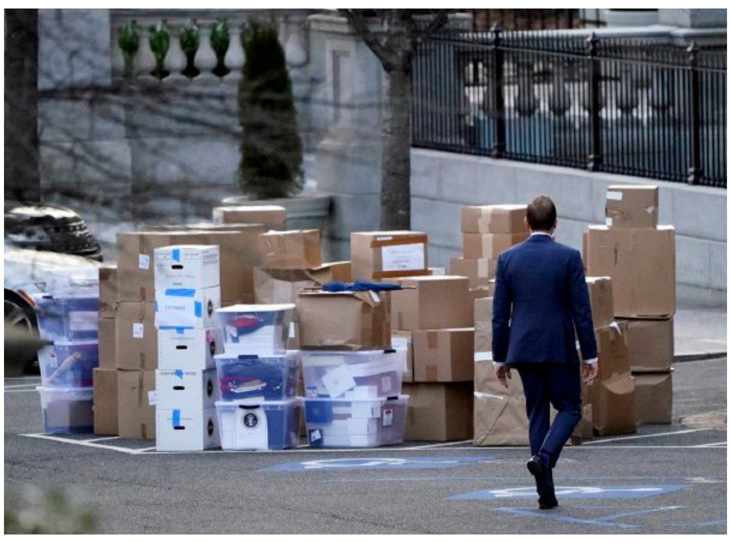
Fatal fire erupts in Kenwood

This residential high-rise in Kenwood where an extra-alarm fire occurred Wednesday morning, killing one person, has a history of code violations and building inspection failures, city records show. It's been cited for fire-related code violations at least 11 times since October 2021, according to Department of Buildings records. The Chicago Fire Department said it took 300 firefighters and more than 80 pieces of equipment to put out the blaze at 4850 S. Lake Park Ave. after responding to reports of smoke in the high-rise shortly after 10 a.m. Flames engulfed a unit on the 15th floor of the building and spread vertically to upper floors, officials said. **Story in Chicagoland**

Stray files turn into bipartisan grievance

Dems, Republicans assert classification system is broken

By Calvin Woodward and Chris Megerian
Associated Press



Boxes moved out of the Executive Office Building near the White House are ready to be transported. **GERALD HERBERT/AP 2021**

WASHINGTON — Democrats responded with aggrieved fury when former President Donald Trump was found in possession of classified documents that should have been turned over to the government when he left office. Then disclosures that President Joe Biden also mishandled secret papers set loose a Republican "well, what about" roar.

Now, with another discovery of classified documents, this time at the home of Trump's vice president, Mike Pence, the partisan finger-pointing seems to be melting into a chorus of mortification from Democrats and Republicans.

The highest U.S. secrets, it now appears, are not necessarily safe with the highest officials. Not when they're in the hands of Trump, who disdains the rules and customs of government, and not in the hands of Biden and Pence, who subscribe to them.

"What the hell's going on around here?" asked Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, when asked about Pence.

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Concert lineup set for Chicago NASCAR race

Lollapalooza-like festival aims to 'reimagine' racing experience in heart of an urban area

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

The soundtrack to the inaugural NASCAR Chicago Street Race, which is set to turn Grant Park into a pop-up racecourse during July Fourth weekend, will include more than screeching tires and roaring engines.

In addition to 200-mph race cars, the two-day event will feature full-length concerts ranging from country to electronic dance, headlined by Miranda Lambert, The Chainsmokers and The Black Crowes, NASCAR announced Wednesday.

NASCAR anticipates 100,000 attendees will partake in a Lollapalooza-like festival designed to "reimagine the NASCAR experience in the heart of downtown Chicago," Julie Giese, president of the Chicago Street Race, said in a news release.

Scheduled for July 2, the televised Cup Series event will feature a 12-turn, 2.2-mile racecourse, with top NASCAR drivers weaving in and around Grant Park on closed-off streets lined with temporary fences, grandstands and hospitality suites. Texas singer-songwriter Charley Crockett will open for country superstar Lambert before the race.

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WANT TO GO? Two-day general admission tickets, which include the races and the concerts, start at $269 and go on sale Feb. 2.

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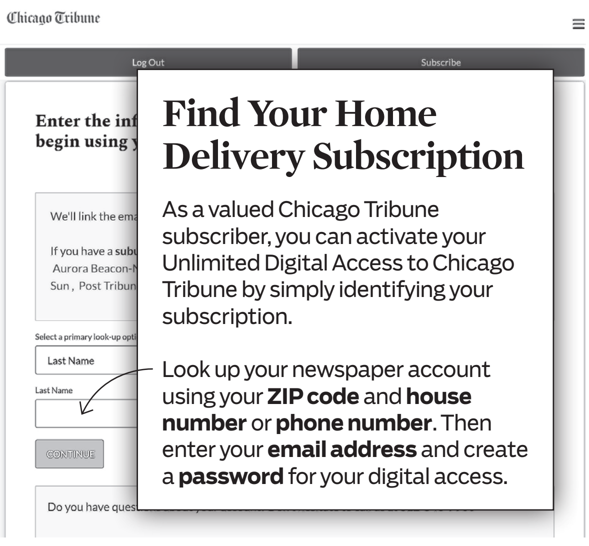

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CTU brings its demand for 'equitable' parental leave to Board of Education

By Sarah Macaraeg
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Teachers Union President Stacy Davis Gates opened public comments at the first Board of Education meeting of the year Wednesday, asking for support for teachers and staff on a range of issues, from the impact of gun violence to the length of parental leave granted employees.

"I bring you urgency from the workers who are making it happen every day. … How do we honor their commitment?" Gates said, with the union again highlighting the discrepancy between the maximum two weeks of paid parental leave that Chicago Public Schools employees receive and the three months granted to city employees as of Jan. 1.

"As a profession of women we deserve that. … We can't espouse principles for women at the city level without doing it at the school level. … Why was that easier?" said Gates, who is the parent of three CPS students.

After the meeting a district spokesperson said CPS "remains committed to exploring an updated parental leave policy and … is taking the necessary time to conduct a preliminary review of our policies and engage with the union leadership to bargain over how to best support our team members who are new parents."

The spokesperson said any update to district policy will also require a 30-day public comment period, community engagement and an equity review.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the union representing more than 20,000 CPS teachers, aides and other school personnel have battled over resolving the diverging parental leave policies in dueling news conferences in recent weeks.

Last week, CTU delivered a petition to City Hall demanding "equality in the application of the new city policy for expectant mothers and parents." Lightfoot contended an update to the district's parental leave policy must be negotiated in the collective bargaining process, not enacted through a Board of Education vote.

"I want this to be a policy of not only the city of Chicago, but our sister agencies," Lightfoot said. "But it has to be done through the collective bargaining process. They need to get at the table."

The mayor's office first announced the 12-week leave granted to around 32,000 city employees in a Sept. 30 news release, crediting the policy update to an agreement with AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

New parent Kassandra Tsitsopoulos, a 17-year CPS employee and member of CTU's executive board, called the far shorter parental leave policy in the district "abysmal." After an emergency C-section, Tsitsopoulos said she had to use all the sick days she'd banked in order to extend her time home with her daughter.

"If I get sick, I won't have the days to stay home with her," she said, urging city and CPS officials to work with the union to "negotiate the details and approve it as soon as possible."

District CEO Pedro Martinez, whom Lightfoot appointed in September 2021 to lead CPS, echoed the mayor in a Jan. 17 letter to Gates:

"The collective bargaining process is the ideal forum for such discussions as it permits robust discussion of the topic and its effects and enables the parties to achieve a mutually satisfactory conclusion."

"I have appreciated building a relationship with CEO Martinez," Gates said at the Jan. 25 board meeting. "For too long we've had to challenge, fight for, yell at, demonstrate for that partnership. … We want that partnership and reciprocity because we deserve it."

The debate over updating parental leave policy among city agencies is among the latest sources of friction between Lightfoot and the teachers union.

The contentious relationship has come to shape the Feb. 28 municipal election, with longtime CTU organizer and Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson among eight candidates challenging Lightfoot, who recently accused the union of bringing "chaos" to the city, in her reelection bid.

Lightfoot's clashes with the union were a dominant theme of her first term: Just months after she was inaugurated in 2019, CTU went on strike for two weeks.

The pandemic struck just months after that, leading to several showdowns with and in-person work stoppages by the union as it fought for stronger pandemic protections.

Police, fire officials attend ribbon cutting for training facility

By Paige Fry
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Superintendent David Brown, left, looks at signs for fallen officers on Wednesday during a ribbon-cutting event for the new Public Safety Training Center on the West Side. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and top officials with the Chicago Police Department and Chicago Fire Department gathered with dozens of people Wednesday morning for a ribbon-cutting event at the new $170 million joint-training facility in West Garfield Park, which has been criticized by activists since its inception.

"This has been a very important day for this community," Lightfoot said. "It's a very important day for police and fire, but it's a really important day for our city."

The Chicago Joint Public Safety Training Campus, 4433 W. Chicago Ave., is on the 30.4-acre site of a former railroad yard. The facility will be used by members of CPD, CFD and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. The "modern training campus" will include community spaces, computer labs, classrooms, scenario training and an indoor shooting range, according to the Public Building Commission.

The campus will also include a six-story tower with each story simulating a different environment that firefighters encounter such as apartments, hotels and office buildings as well as an elevator shaft, Lightfoot said.

There is also an indoor scenario village that includes a four-way intersection, a bar, apartment building, convenience store and office space, Lightfoot said. The facility's lighting can be controlled to simulate different times of day and special-effect devices including a smoke machine and speakers to simulate different conditions.

Police Superintendent David Brown highlighted that the department trained just under 1,000 recruits last year, which was the most the department has hired since the 2017-2018 time frame. Of those, 70% were people of color and 30% were women.

All of the Police Department's members will come through the facility, including new and veteran officers who have to complete 40 hours of training on an annual basis, as required by the federal consent decree the department is now under, Brown said.

"A $170 million facility shows that this city supports its police officers. Spread the word," Brown said. "This training facility will hopefully put COPA (the Civilian Office of Police Accountability) out of business."

The facility was dedicated to MaShawn Plummer, a firefighter who died in 2022 while on duty, and police Cmdr. Paul Bauer, who was fatally shot in 2018 while trying to apprehend a suspect. The scenario village will also include several mock street signs in dedication to fallen members such as "French St." for Officer Ella French who was fatally shot during a traffic stop in 2021.

The project was not only the right thing to do for first responders, Lightfoot said, but it was also the right thing to do for the West Side community that has been resource-starved for so long.

"I'm confident this facility will strengthen our relationships with the Austin and West Humboldt Park communities," fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt said.

Sharing the location with the Boys and Girls Club is "truly a blessing," Nance-Holt said. The children going to club activities will have a chance to see first responders who can relate to them and "hopefully spark a dream to one day serve this great city as a firefighter, paramedic or a police officer."

Despite the officials' excitement over the facility, which was introduced under Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2017, many activists and notable figures, including Chance the Rapper, fought against the project. Those who opposed it wanted to see the funds allocated toward other city resources such as schools, mental health centers and job-training programs.

A group of Chicago youth, members of #NoCopAcademy, held protests and attended City Council meetings to advocate against the facility. They staged a "die-in" in the City Hall lobby in 2018 with cardboard tombstones of the names of people killed in police shootings and names of schools and other institutions that were shut down by the city due to lack of funds.

Destiny Harris, 22, an organizer with #NoCopAcademy who grew up in the Austin neighborhood, said she got involved because her old high school, Whitney M. Young, is a neighbor of the police academy on Jackson Boulevard. She remembers students could hear mock drills and gunshots without warning, and it was traumatizing, especially for students who came from neighborhoods with high levels of gun violence.

Harris said she learned the new facility was to open up next to her parents' alma mater, Orr Academy High School, at 730 N. Pulaski Road, which raised concerns for her.

Her group worked to push back on the narrative that more police mean a safer community, Harris said. Many people in Black and brown communities do not feel safe with more officers present.

"If police make communities safer, then Chicago would be one of the safest places in the nation, but it's not," she said. "Police are a reactionary force that doesn't address the root causes of the violence. … If we want to make communities safer, then we need to address all of the things that make communities unsafe, like, drugs and drug prevention, like the fact that like when people don't have anywhere to stay … they're more likely to steal or rob."

Harris said she felt like it was a "slap in the face" that the city used the killing of Laquan McDonald as justification for building a new police academy. It also felt unfair that the Board of Education voted to close nearly 50 schools in 2013, including her grade school, Key Elementary, due to a budget deficit yet had millions to spend on the construction of a police academy.

Despite the facility opening, Harris said she is proud of the work of #NoCopAcademy, and that it inspired more movements in Chicago and even nationally, such as protests currently happening in Atlanta around a proposed police training facility.

"We really did shift the narrative for a lot of people around what community safety looks like," she said. "Even though this is happening, it's a testament to the fact that the movement is never over. That there's always still work to be done."

NASCAR

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A separate Xfinity Series race, the second tier of NASCAR competition, is scheduled for July 1. Southern rockers The Black Crowes, best known for their 1990 cover of "Hard to Handle," will take the stage after the qualifying rounds, while The Chainsmokers, an electronic dance music duo, will perform after the first day's race is run.

Two-day general admission tickets, which include the races and the concerts, start at $269 and go on sale Feb. 2.

In November, NASCAR began selling two-day reserved tickets starting at $465. Premium club seats run a lot higher. At the top of the list are temporary hospitality suites perched above the pit road, where tickets for the President's Paddock Club cost more than $3,000 each.

NASCAR struck a three-year deal to transform the Grant Park environs into a racecourse. Under the terms of the agreement, NASCAR will pay the Chicago Park District a $500,000 permit fee this year, $550,000 in 2024 and $605,000 in 2025, with an option to renew for two years. In addition, NASCAR will pay the Park District a $2 fee per admission ticket, and an escalating commission starting at 15% for food, beverage and merchandise sold at the event.

The course will start on Columbus Drive in front of Buckingham Fountain, an area that will also serve as the pit road. From there, drivers will go south to Balbo Drive and then jog east toward DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Heading south along the lake, drivers will turn west on Roosevelt Road, working back north on Columbus Drive in a rough figure eight that will take in a piece of South Michigan Avenue before reaching the start/finish line.

NASCAR has full access to the racecourse area for nine days prior to and three days after the event. But the total staging window — the process of building and breaking down the temporary facilities — runs a full month, starting three weeks before the race weekend, according to the agreement.

CHICAGOLAND

High-rise in fatal fire had violations

City officials report citations issued for Kenwood building

By Adriana Perez
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago firefighter brings equipment to a building in the 4800 block of South Lake Park Avenue in Chicago that was damaged in a fire on Wednesday.
TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The residential high-rise in Kenwood where an extra alarm fire occurred Wednesday morning, killing one person, has a history of code violations and building inspection failures, city records show. It's been cited for fire-related code violations at least 11 times since October 2021, according to Department of Buildings records.

The Chicago Fire Department said it took 300 firefighters and over 80 pieces of equipment to put out the blaze at 4850 S. Lake Park Ave. after they had responded to reports of smoke in the high-rise shortly after 10 a.m. Flames engulfed a unit on the 15th floor of the building and spread vertically to upper floors, officials said.

One person died, and six other people were transported to hospitals in good condition, according to officials. Another person was taken to a hospital in serious-to-critical condition, and a firefighter suffered an orthopedic injury, according to fire officials and Ald. Sophia King, in whose 4th Ward the building is located. Over 30 building residents refused treatment.

"They did an outstanding job because that fire did not go horizontally," Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon. "They did everything they could to put that fire out, and they were here for a long time doing it."

According to Department of Building records, the 25-story building, which was built in 1970, was informed at least four times in 2022 to "provide for an annual fire alarm/voice communication system test," after failing building inspections. Other citations referred to missing fire tags on doors and a defective fire pump.

Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said that, as far as the department knows, "both of those systems," the communications system and the fire pump, "worked well today." Firefighters used the building's communication system to alert residents to the fire. Most residents were able to remain in their units safely until the fire was put out, King said.

Only 267 of the building's 298 units were occupied at the time of the fire, Nance-Holt said.

In 2022, city records show that the high-rise failed multiple inspections, including one conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau on Dec. 1, 2022, when the building was cited for issues in its fire system.

Violations from Nov. 7, 2022 — which included violations for missing interior trash door tags, for the exterior masonry and for failing to file the required high-rise exterior wall report — were referred to the Department of Law, which filed an enforcement action in the Circuit Court of Cook County. The case is scheduled to be heard Feb. 2.

On Oct. 27, 2021, the inspection required the building to repair and maintain the automatic sprinkler system.

"The Department of Buildings (DOB) takes public safety and quality of life issues very seriously," according to an emailed statement by a DOB spokesman. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the resident who passed away, the residents and firefighter that sustained injuries, and all those impacted by today's tragic fire at 4850 S. Lake Park Avenue."

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, countless emergency vehicles lined up on South Lake Park Avenue, and alarms faintly blared from the building as smoke continued to billow. Approximately 10 floors were visibly affected, and debris occasionally fell. Firefighters could be seen from below working the scene.

King hugged Jauntanne Mayes as she cried after finding out the person who died in Wednesday's high-rise fire in the Kenwood neighborhood was her close family friend, a retired schoolteacher who Mayes remembered as "sweet," "fun-loving" and "very generous."

Mayes said she learned of the fire from the Citizen app and went to the building to check on her family friend because she couldn't get down the stairs by herself. But she wasn't allowed to go in, so she left, only to learn from the news that an elderly woman had died from smoke inhalation on the 15th floor. At that point, she'd been trying to call her family friend to no avail.

"She will be missed by a lot of people, anybody that knew her," Mayes said. "She'd tell you like it is, but it was all done in love."

On Wednesday afternoon, displaced residents — which included residents from the east side of the building — were on the second floor with the Red Cross, which was working with them to find a temporary place, King told the Tribune. The Salvation Army provided residents with hot chicken biscuit sandwich meals, as well as emotional and spiritual support.

Nance-Holt said at the news conference that fire officials didn't know whether smoke detectors went off. The smoke detectors in the units are battery-operated, whereas the ones in the hallways are hardwired, she said. Langford told the Tribune the person from the building who called 911 did not get alerted by a fire alarm, but by the smoke.

Nance-Holt was unable to confirm whether the sprinkler system was activated.

Fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the fire. DOB inspectors were on the scene Wednesday and will work with the Fire Department in its investigation and assessment of the damage.

Chicago Tribune's Richard Requena and Deanese Williams-Harris contributed.

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Crimo's father set to appear in court

By Clifford Ward
Chicago Tribune

The father of alleged Highland Park shooter Robert Crimo III is scheduled to appear in Lake County court Thursday for case management on reckless conduct charges.

Robert Crimo Jr. was charged in December with seven felony counts for vouching for his son on state forms in 2019 that cleared Crimo III to obtain his firearm owners identification card. At the time, Crimo III was 19, and, as an underage applicant, needed the signature of a parent to get a FOID card. Crimo III is charged in the shooting deaths of seven people and with several other crimes.

Crimo Jr., 58, a Highwood resident, has been free on bond since he was charged. His case was briefly up in court on Jan. 12, when it was scheduled for Thursday.

Court records indicate that he has yet to be arraigned.

Although Crimo could legally vouch for his son on state firearm forms, Lake County prosecutors allege the father's actions were reckless.

At the time the father was charged in December, State's Attorney Eric Rinehart hinted at a troubled background for Crimo III, and said the father should have known that before sponsoring him for a FOID card, which allows the holder to purchase firearms.

Crimo III allegedly made a suicide attempt in April 2019 and threatened his family that year, although there were no charges filed in that incident, authorities said. The Illinois State Police, which issues FOID cards, has said there were no records on file that would have raised red flags on Crimo III.

Prosecutors charged Crimo Jr, with one count of reckless conduct for each of the seven people his son allegedly killed on July Fourth when he opened fire at the Highland Park Independence Day parade.

Crimo III remains held in lieu of bond on 117 felony counts from the shooting, which injured dozens of spectators. He has a case management date scheduled for next week, according to court records.

Environmentalists to file lawsuit over Rockford's Bell Bowl Prairie

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

The fight to preserve Bell Bowl Prairie in Rockford, where federally endangered rusty patched bumblebees have been found, ramped up this week, with environmentalists saying they intend to return to federal court.

The Natural Land Institute, a nonprofit that opposes the Chicago Rockford International Airport's plan to build a road through the heart of Bell Bowl, said their lawyers had sent a letter to local, state and federal agencies informing them of plans to file a lawsuit alleging violations of the Endangered Species Act.

The letter cites the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's own finding that the rusty patched bumblebee is declining due, in part, to the loss of most prairies and grasslands in the Upper Midwest and Northeast.

"Notwithstanding this conclusion, USFWS is now — incomprehensibly — authorizing the type of development and construction on Bell Bowl Prairie (including road construction) that will lead to the extinction of the Bee," says the letter from the Natural Land Institute's attorneys.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife did not respond to request for comment and an airport spokesperson declined to comment.

Environmentalists, who filed a previous federal lawsuit in August that was dismissed without prejudice (allowing the environmentalists to try again), are running out of options in their 18-month battle to preserve the 15.5-acre prairie, which includes 1.7 acres of particularly well-preserved "high quality" habitat.

State and federal assessments were completed in December, with the Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources all determining that the project is unlikely to negatively affect the rusty patched bumblebee.

Only a final written reevaluation by the Federal Aviation Administration remains before the airport can begin construction of a road that would cost the bee 9.3 acres of habitat, including 1.7 acres of the highest-quality prairie.

Environmentalists say the road, part of a $50 million airport cargo expansion project, should be rerouted to the east or southeast, where it would avoid the highest-quality prairie and maximize overall prairie preservation.

"We're not trying to stop the airport expansion," Natural Land Institute Executive Director Kerry Leigh told the Tribune in 2022. "We're trying to get them to redesign the road and avoid the prairie."

The letter announcing the intention to file a lawsuit highlights the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's own previous findings, including that the rusty patched bumblebee is "so imperiled that every remaining population is important for the continued existence of the species."

State and federal agencies are allowing the road through Bell Bowl to proceed in part because there are larger, and likely better, rusty patched bumblebee habitats within 10 kilometers of the prairie, according to government documents quoted in the letter. That nearby habitat includes parts of Severson Dells Forest Preserve, Funderburg Forest Preserve, the Levi and Ester Fuller Memorial Forest Preserve, and Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve.

Construction equipment sits next to the Bell Bowl Prairie, adjacent to Chicago Rockford International Airport, on Oct. 20, 2021. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

But the authors of the letter argue that the Endangered Species Act doesn't allow U.S. Fish and Wildlife to evaluate the Bell Bowl project on the basis of whether it will "lead to wholesale species extinction."

"Instead, USFWS ... must ask whether this project is likely to adversely affect this population of this endangered species. The answer to this question, as the consultation process has shown, is that the project will, by design, impact the Bee's habitat, and would lead to (bee) mortality," the letter says.

Rusty patched bumblebees were found foraging at Bell Bowl in August 2021, shortly after environmentalists were alerted to bulldozers near the prairie and learned of the airport's plans to build the road.

Leigh said environmentalists still want the airport to apply for funding for a redesign that would move the road and save the heart of the prairie: "The airport authorities can apply for state funding to redesign the road, and they won't. There's also federal funding that they can apply for, and they won't."

"All they have to do is apply for the funding, and then this whole lawsuit would go away," Leigh said.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

How high will the Fed take rates in 2023?

By Sabrina Karl

The Federal Reserve's first 2023 rate-setting meeting is coming up, and after 2022's historically fast rate increases, all eyes are on what they'll do this year. Will rates move higher still?

First, a recent history primer. At the pandemic's outset, the Fed dramatically dropped the federal funds rate to zero over the course of two emergency meetings, aiming to prevent a Covid-triggered financial crisis.

The federal funds rate is the interest rate that banks charge each other for overnight loans of their reserves, and where it has the biggest consumer impact is in deposit rates (savings, money market, and CD accounts) and short-term debt, like credit card rates. The federal funds rate does not directly influence mortgage rates, though there is some ripple effect.

Last March, the Fed began building the federal funds rate back up. They started with a quarter point hike, but as the threat of inflation became stronger, they ramped up their next hike to 50 basis points, and then followed that with four hikes of 75 basis points, followed by another 50-point hike in December.

As a result, we've witnessed the fastest rise in the fed rate in more than 40 years, with an increase of 4.25% over just 10 months. But where will they go from here?

While there is no crystal ball for predicting the Fed (they make each decision based on the latest economic data), it's strongly expected that 2023 will see minor additional movement upwards, but that 2022's fireworks are behind us.

Specifically, market forecasters currently predict we'll see a mild quarter-point increase on February 1 and another quarter point March 22, followed by a period of holding steady. After that, some predict the Fed will start lowering rates in late 2023, though rate predictions that far out are less reliable.

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OAK LAWN

Security officer's efforts to locate student lauded

By Janice Neumann
Daily Southtown

Chris Harris received a hero's welcome last week at a Community High School District 218 board meeting for his efforts to locate a missing student who, it turns out, had been hospitalized after being struck by a vehicle.

After presenting Harris with a plaque made by students in the district's Adult Transition Program, Superintendent Josh Barron gave him a bear hug.

"He truly was concerned, hurt and in pain and had sleepless nights worrying about where (the student) was," Barron said after the meeting. "He was relentless to figure it out."

Barron said Harris, a security officer for the district's Adult Transition Program, also volunteers to help homeless people and distributes toys at Christmastime.

"You can't teach that — he just embodies that desire and need to help people. It fulfills him," Barron said. "He's just a good man, good human being and a friend and someone I'm just grateful is in our district."

After starting out as a resource officer at District 218 schools, Harris worked for the Cook County sheriff's office. Upon retiring, Barron asked him to come back, and Harris started back with the district in August.

In the hallway after the board meeting, Harris received many pats on the back and more hugs.

But it was all in a day's work, he said.

The Adult Transition Program student, 21, had walked to a friend's house Dec. 17 from his home in Calumet Park, where he lives with his grandmother. When he didn't return home, his grandmother called the Calumet Park Police Department and then ATP program staff.

Harris started making calls to area hospitals, police departments and the medical examiner. .

He drove around Harvey and Blue Island, where Jenkins had last been seen. Tim Dougherty, an ATP teacher, who knew and cherished the young man, went with him.

In the meantime, a district teacher contacted Harris telling him a friend who worked at Advocate Christ Medical Center double checked the clothing description of a young man who had been brought in. District staff immediately recognized his pajama pants with cartoon characters. The student had been found.

Four days after he had gone missing, Harris was able to see the student in the hospital's intensive care unit and was greeted with a smile.

"He gave me a glimmer of some hope," Harris said. "He's doing well."

Jenkins was able to return home that day, though school staff said he will likely need lengthy rehabilitation.

Harris said he was glad the student didn't become just another statistic.

"This is my thing, there are so many African American kids who are missing, around 200,000 last year and 150,000 of those kids are under age 18," Harris said. "I wanted to do my best to get out and pass the word out and see what I could come up with through friends and everyone else.

"It was really a group effort between myself and the rest of the staff and whole district."

Chris Harris, a security officer with District 218's Adult Transition Program, stands with colleagues after receiving a plaque during a school board meeting last week. **JANICE NEUMANN/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

Kerry McNicholas, a vocational coordinator in the Adult Transition Program, said Harris' actions weren't surprising.

"Chris is just a very warm soul," she said. "On birthdays, he brings a balloon. He cares deeply. He'll ask how you're doing, how's your day."

McNicholas was also part of efforts to welcome the student home. Employees made a scrapbook for him and signed a blanket with well wishes after he was injured. She said employees at the Lighthouse Church, where the student is in job training, were distraught over his disappearance.

Alison Wilde, who coordinates the ATP program, was also impressed by Harris.

"He was just incredible," she said.

Wilde said there were many others from the district who were involved with the effort, including his teachers, social workers and psychologists who reached out to Jenkins' former friends in high school.

"When we say ATP being a family, this is the perfect example," Wilde said.

Another person at the meeting who wasn't surprised by Harris' efforts was his wife, Arbie.

"I'm very proud of him," Arbie Harris said. "He always goes above and beyond.

"He has a big heart."

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A SKI SCENE

Jonathan Patrick, of Arlington Heights, cross-country skis in Deer Grove East forest preserve on a snowy Wednesday morning in Palatine. After a dry start to the winter, most of the Chicago area was blanketed with a few inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service, with more on the way this weekend.

Mailer

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throughout much of the 23rd Ward where challenger Eddie Guillen said his campaign sent out thousands of flyers with photos of him and García that urge residents to "Vote Chuy García for Mayor & Eddie Guillen for Alderman" and elect "New Leadership That Works for You!"

The mailers landed around the ward in recent days as candidates for mayor, particularly Lightfoot, stepped up their criticism of García for his relationship with Madigan, who hails from the neighboring 13th Ward and faces a federal racketeering indictment alleging he and his associates participated in a range of corrupt schemes. Madigan has pleaded not guilty.

Guillen worked two months for Madigan's 13th Ward Democrats last year, after Madigan was ousted as speaker and resigned from the House amid revelations he was ensnared in a federal corruption investigation. Guillen then took a job as chief of staff for state Rep. Angie Guerrero-Cuellar, who has Madigan's support and shares office space in the building that has long housed the former speaker's political organization

In an interview with the Tribune, Guillen said he didn't receive García's endorsement or coordinate with the García mayoral campaign before printing and distributing the flyers. He simply wanted to back Garcia's mayoral bid, he said.

"I support (García) and I see all the work he's been doing at the city level, so I'm trying to get our Hispanic community to come out and vote for him," Guillen said.

García would rather not have the help.

García mayoral campaign spokesman Antoine Givens said the campaign had no knowledge of Guillen's brochures before they hit Southwest Side doorsteps.

"Our campaign did not approve the Guillen campaign's use of this image or any campaign related material and we are requesting that no more mailers be sent," Givens said in an email.

Guillen said Wednesday that he would stop distributing the flyers if the García campaign directly asked him, which he said it had yet to do.

"If they contacted me, sure," Guillen said. "They know where I'm at."

But Guillen said, until then, he would carry on passing out the flyers.

Whether or not a connection exists between Guillen and García, the campaign literature creates a link between the two in the eyes of voters who see it and in a way that could boost Guillen's candidacy.

Still, it's easy to see why García would rather not be associated with Guillen's run against 23rd Ward Ald. Silvana Tabares in the Feb. 28 election.

In addition to the two months he worked for Madigan's political operation, Guillen also owes nearly all of his campaign cash to Guerrero-Cuellar. She's contributed nearly $22,000 to his campaign fund, state campaign finance records show. The political campaign fund for Ald. Marty Quinn, 13th, a longtime Madigan ally, contributed nearly $20,000 to Guerrero-Cuellar last year and she also has received big contributions from several labor groups long allied with Madigan, according to campaign finance records.

As García has embarked in his bid for mayor — his second after losing to former Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2015 — his ties to Madigan, the longest-serving speaker of a state House in the nation and the longtime leader of the Illinois Democratic Party, have become a point of contention on the campaign trail.

In 2016, García endorsed Madigan in the then-speaker's reelection campaign for state representative against a candidate who was viewed by many, including García, as a front for then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, an anti-union Republican. Two years later, García endorsed Madigan to remain as chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois even amid a burgeoning #MeToo scandal involving a top Madigan lieutenant. García also received fundraising support from the Madigan-led DPI.

Last week, the Tribune reported that García is the unidentified member of Congress referenced in federal court filings detailing an alleged scheme by Madigan to appoint one of García's political associates to a lucrative position on Commonwealth Edison's board of directors. García is not accused of wrongdoing and has denied he played any role in the push by Madigan to appoint Juan Ochoa to the utility's board, which is one of the centerpiece allegations in the ComEd bribery conspiracy case set for trial in March.

Guillen says his decision to run has nothing to do with the simmering feud between Madigan and Tabares on the Southwest Side. Tabares used to be aligned with Madigan but those connections have cooled in recent years.

García has made endorsements in a few aldermanic contests, but has not backed a candidate in the head-to-head matchup between Guillen and Tabares. And while Guillen says he backs García, Tabares has not endorsed any of the nine candidates for mayor.

García himself remains overwhelmingly popular on the Southwest Side, where he won reelection to the U.S. House in November with 68.4% of the vote for a third term representing the 4th Congressional District, which includes much of the 23rd Ward.

Garcia, meanwhile, has worked to distance himself from Madigan, saying he's fought the Chicago political machine for decades and that he had to work with Madigan to get anything done in Springfield.

"Just because you swim with sharks, if you listen to the people that sent you somewhere, you don't become one," García said when Lightfoot and mayoral candidate Brandon Johnson hit him over the Madigan relationship at a Monday Tribune Editorial Board meeting. "And that's been my mantra."

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Spy

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and ultimately parlay it into a job with the CIA, FBI or NASA.

"He had much more in mind," Guzman said as Ji sat at the defense table in an orange jail jumpsuit listening through a Mandarin interpreter.

"It was his intent to become a long-term Chinese sleeper agent."

The sentence Guzman issued was far longer than the roughly five-year term requested by federal prosecutors.

Once he's done serving his time, Ji will face deportation back to China, though Guzman said it's unlikely anyone there will consider him a criminal.

"The defendant who sits before me is likely considered to be an exemplary citizen in the country from which he came, and that is sad," Guzman said.

Ji, 31, was convicted by a jury in September of spying for the Chinese government by gathering information on scientists and engineers in the U.S. with valuable knowledge about aerospace technology, artificial intelligence and aircraft carriers.

The jury, which deliberated about six hours over two days, acquitted Ji of two other wire fraud counts alleging he lied to the Army when he applied to become a reservist in 2016.

His attorney, Damon Cheronis, asked for time served, noting that Ji had already suffered much in his almost 4 ½ years in custody since his arrest.

Ji had two bouts of COVID-19 while awaiting trial and had to endure the misplaced ire of other inmates, who accused him of bringing it into the facility simply because he was Chinese, Cheronis said.

"No one would think that coming to the United States, getting arrested and sitting in jail for five years is a slap on the wrist," Cheronis said.

Before he was sentenced, Ji issued a brief apology to his family and the court for his actions, saying in thickly accented English that he will "never do it again."

Ji's case was profiled in the Tribune in 2019 as a symbol of a growing area of worry for U.S. authorities: a sophisticated and far-flung mission by the Chinese government to have spies and foreign agents steal ideas and technology from firms and defense contractors across the country.

The charges against Ji were part of a wider national security investigation that also led to the arrest and unprecedented extradition of his handler, Xu Yanjun, a senior intelligence officer in China's main spy agency.

Xu, the first Chinese spy ever brought to the U.S. to face criminal prosecution, was convicted in federal court in Cincinnati in November 2021 of trying to steal trade secrets from military contractor GE Aviation. He was sentenced last year to 20 years in prison.

The charges against Ji alleged that he was targeted by agents with China's Ministry of State Security shortly before coming to Chicago in 2013 to study electrical engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology, a private school east of the Dan Ryan Expressway that had forged educational ties with Chinese universities and colleges.

After traveling back to China during winter break, Ji was "wined and dined" by MSS handlers and eventually given a top-secret contract where he swore an oath of allegiance to the agency's cause, agreeing to "devote the rest of my life to state security," according to prosecutors.

A photo snapped surreptitiously by Ji of the contract was later found on his cellphone, though it was unsigned. Ji also took photos of $6,000 given to him by the MSS for living expenses in the U.S., prosecutors said.

Five days later Ji returned to Chicago and immediately reached out to a friend who was studying aeronautics and aviation at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Jonas told jurors in summing up the evidence in the trial in September.

Ji sent the friend photos of the contract and cash and offered to share some of his "operational expenses" with him if he helped him track down leads for the MSS, Jonas said. He told jurors that sending his friend the photos was "maybe not the brightest thing" for Ji to do, but it didn't make him any less of a spy.

"There's no requirement that you find that he be James Bond," Jonas said.

Ultimately, Ji was able to gather background reports on eight U.S. citizens, all born in Taiwan or China, with careers in the science and technology industry, including several who specialized in the aerospace field. Seven worked for U.S. defense contractors, according to prosecutors.

Ji sent the reports, which were publicly available for purchase, back to his handlers in a zipped attachment that was falsely labeled as sets of "midterm exam" questions, according to Jonas.

Ji graduated from IIT in 2015, and the following year he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve through a program to recruit foreigners who have skills considered vital to the national interest.

Prosecutors alleged Ji concealed during his Army background check that he had been in contact with the intelligence officers, but the jury found him not guilty on both of those counts.

But the jury convicted him of giving false answers on a government background form that asked if he'd ever had any contact with foreign intelligence agencies, including MSS.

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HAZEL CREST

After shooting, school officials increase security

By Mike Nolan
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Hazel Crest police say they've increased their presence outside schools in Hazel Crest Elementary District 152 ½ after a shooting this month near one of the schools in which no students were hurt.

School district officials said Tuesday they are working to improve student safety, including bringing on more security personnel at the district's two schools and enlisting the aid of parents and outside help.

"It's all about our kids," Superintendent Kenneth Spells said at a news conference at the Jesse White Learning Academy, 16910 S. Western Ave. "We're going to be covering every base."

The district is "committed to ensuring the safe passage of our children" to and from school, said school board President Dean Barnett.

The shooting occurred early evening Jan. 11, a couple of blocks from Jesse White following a basketball game, Hazel Crest police Chief Mitchell Davis. The department is still investigating.

"Something like this doesn't happen here," Davis said.

He said police already have officers outside schools at the end of the school day, but have a schedule of district after-school activities and now have had a presence following events such as basketball games.

Christian Bourne, a teacher at Jesse White who coaches the boys basketball team at the district's Barack Obama Learning Academy, said he was the last staff member to leave after teams from both schools faced off at the Jan. 11 game.

Bourne said he was driving past five cheerleaders who were walking along the passenger side of his car while members of the Jesse White basketball team were walking a couple of blocks ahead.

A car driving in the opposite direction slowed and somebody inside started firing, causing the cheerleaders to duck down, Bourne said. He said nobody in the car said anything as the shots were fired.

He said the bullets came rapidly and maybe "10-plus shots" were fired. Though his car was grazed by gunfire, none of the girls walking alongside it was hurt.

After making sure the girls were safe, Bourne said he drove up to check on the basketball players.

"My first critical thought was to get to the boys," Bourne said.

Davis said police received a report from a resident about shots being fired, but didn't learn until the next day it was related to the school. He said his department doesn't know whether the cheerleaders were targeted.

Barnett said the day after that shooting, a teacher's car at Jesse White was stolen.

"Student safety is paramount," Spells said Tuesday. "Everything we do is to make sure our students are safe."

The district is plans to hold town hall meetings with district families and asks parents to pick up their students after extracurricular activities, he said.

"We are going to put every resource possible to support our children" Spells said.

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Park Ridge-Niles schools chief resigns after concert complaints

By Caroline Kubzansky
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge-Niles Community Consolidated School District 64 Superintendent Eric Olson is resigning his position after four years, some of which have been marked by program changes, construction and, most recently, a group of parents unhappy with a decision about the timing of a holiday concert calling for him to step down.

Olson's resignation will be effective on June 30.

In an email to district parents sent Jan. 23, Olson cited "irreconcilable differences" between himself and the Board of Education but said he was proud of the relationships he'd formed with district parents and staff since taking the helm in 2019. The email did not mention a recent flap over the decision to move a winter holiday concert to the spring.

According to the email to parents, Olson will assist the board with a search for a new superintendent. His tenure as superintendent has spanned the pandemic, nationwide protests over racial justice and a number of high-profile district projects, including the start of full-day kindergarten, major construction projects and the implementation of a new strategic plan.

"District 64 finances remain strong, and the curriculum continues to evolve toward stronger instruction and resources," the email to parents stated.

After Olson's email was sent to parents, the District 64 Board sent another email expressing its "deep appreciation for the dedication and service that Dr. Olson has provided to the community during his tenure."

"Since joining us in 2019, Dr. Olson has moved District 64 forward, most notably with the implementation of full-day kindergarten. He served the District with ethics and integrity," the Board's email continued.

"Despite having our differences in vision, the District 64 Board offers Dr. Olson our best wishes in his future professional pursuits."

The email also indicated the Board will begin a search for a new superintendent who will execute the district's strategic plan.

At a December Board meeting, an organized group of district parents called on the board to fire Olson over an attempt to move the traditional Holiday Sing to a Spring Sing. Some parents also questioned the district's hiring of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consultant.

However, one parent said she believed that only a small but vocal group were offering critiques of Olson, and that many parents supported him.

Some parents at the December meeting also cited pandemic mitigations as one of their reasons for being dissatisfied with Olson. In February 2022, a Board of Education meeting required a police presence after parents flooded the meeting demanding an end to masking requirements in schools.

Parents who supported Olson's work for the district flocked to the next month's meeting to show their support for his work.

In a telephone interview, Olson said he is not leaving District 64 for a new position, but he plans to continue working as a school administrator and is searching for new opportunities.

Park Ridge-Niles superintendent Eric Olson's resignation will be effective on June 30. **BRIAN O'MAHONEY/PIONEER PRESS**

He and the board of education agreed that he'd resign last month, but he only submitted his official letter of resignation last week, he said.

As for what the "irreconcilable differences" that pushed him to resign his position from the board were, Olson said he and board members were "heading in different directions" as they were thinking ahead to the coming strategic plan, which would take effect in 2026.

"It was just clear that we couldn't agree," he said.

He added that some of the differences between his approach and that of board members might be observable to members of the public, citing a recent discussion of whether and how to create a policy or framework around how to handle the needs of gender-nonconforming students as one example.

"The board expressed last time that they were interested in gathering some information and putting it together themselves, and I would have recommended to go a different route," he said.

Olson said he has generally felt "overwhelming support" from parents in the district despite the conflicting ideals that have been periodically on display throughout the last year at board meetings.

"[Most parents] were glad that we were focused on learning but also focused on safety, and have been very supportive about the initiatives in the district," he said. "You can't please all the people all the time, so I definitely know that there is a contingent that would disagree."

However, Olson said he estimated that parents who strongly disagreed with his leadership made up a small percentage of the district community overall.

Olson acknowledged that in the past few years, school boards have become an increasingly visible platform for political conflict, and he said District 64 was no exception to this trend — particularly when it came to the pandemic and COVID mitigations.

"Prior to the pandemic, politics was rarely involved in school," Olson said. "I think that everything that happened with masks and concerns about safety and whether we were being too safe or not, has now transitioned into other issues that are going on in our society."

Olson said he did not have a recommendation for who might take over for him to lead the district, but said he hoped the board would find a top-tier candidate.

However, "there is a political side to this position, whether it's here or anywhere else," he said, noting again that school board positions are increasingly visible and politicized throughout the country and that curricular decisions are also becoming cultural flash points.

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U.S. Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., leaves a House GOP conference meeting on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

The lesson from George Santos? Don't elect such candidates in the first place.

There is convincing evidence that freshman U.S. Rep. George Santos, a Republican, lied about his alma mater, his employment history, his ethnic heritage, his family history, his sporting prowess, his financial skills and the source of his campaign funds.

Santos has admitted to "embellishments" (hardly the full story) but has denied breaking any laws. Yet Politico reported Wednesday that Santos' campaign had filed numerous expenses all with the improbably precise amount of $199.99, just one cent below the threshold that would have triggered a requirement to preserve invoices or receipts.

Like so much with Santos, that little scheme boggles the mind.

We add our voice to the massed choir that calls for Santos' resignation. If a fabulist of this level of invention is fit to serve in Congress, then the message sent to young Americans about what public service represents and demands is utterly compromised. It befuddles us that Santos' Republican colleagues apparently don't see this situation through a longer lens than the political expediency of the moment.

But that's not our main point here. The Santos situation is a reminder that once unsuitable candidates are elected for public office, they are very difficult to remove because colleagues weigh the possibility of other consequences, especially for themselves. Exhibit A here is former President Donald Trump.

There were plenty of early misgivings in the media when it came to Trump. But when it comes to local races, voters cannot always trust the media with the biggest reach to do that job for them.

For example, as the Washington Post eventually noted, a small paper on Long Island cast serious doubts on the veracity of Santos' back story, as the paper was doing its early due diligence by scrubbing the candidate via publicly available records.

Back in September, Long Island's The North Shore Leader figured out that Santos had not adequately explained the source of a sudden increase in his net wealth, and that he appeared to own no actual U.S. real estate despite claims of owning mansions. The North Shore Leader is a Republican-leaning newspaper, but Santos was a bridge too far. "He's most likely just a fabulist," the paper wrote. "A fake."

Strong words. Gutsy words. Accurate words, subsequent events have suggested.

That should have been the end of Santos' candidacy right there, but the problem was that no one appeared to have paid attention in the ensuing weeks. The fine work done by the North Shore Leader did not stop Santos.

In part, this surely was an example of East Coast media types spending too much time on Twitter and sexier, more competitive stories than paying attention to the well-researched words of a small paper on Long Island concerning a Republican candidate for Congress.

Perhaps the paper itself did not do all it could have to get the word out about this "fabulist" and "fake" on the ballot. But this surely was a reminder that even though we hear a lot about the collapse of local news in America, there remains some excellent, on-the-ground journalism. In this case, at least, the issue was not a lack of reporting on the inconsistencies in Santos' story, because clearly there was such reporting, but on the problem of nobody with a bigger megaphone actually paying timely attention.

It's one thing to talk about a crisis in local news, but sometimes the crisis is caused by misplaced priorities within the national media.

The Santos affair looks to us like a consequence of snobby, old-fashioned, journalistic elitism. The result was the election of a man who egregiously deceived his supporters (on any number of important matters) and who thus had no right to be in office as their representative. The facts were in plain sight if anyone had cared to look.

Of course, voters have an obligation here, too. The Santos affair is a reminder that it is imperative to get to know the candidates for whom you are voting, whatever the nature of the election.

This can be especially true in primaries, but anyone who plans to vote, say, for Chicago's next mayor has a duty to check out these candidates.

Do their personal histories ring true? Are there records of all the things these candidates claim? This newspaper has worked hard for decades to root out fakes and fabulists and, as far as we can tell, there are no Santos-like candidates in the mayoral race. Just honorable candidates who believe they have the best plans for the future of our city. As we have now met with them all, we salute their dedication to public service and their desire for a job so tough that many people would demur.

But Santos is one heck of a reminder of how far one man can get if the usual checks and balances within our democracy do not function as they should. We should have learned that lesson the last time it happened.

ABOUT MASS SHOOTINGS

It's all too familiar. Flashing red and blue lights, crying survivors, body bags carried out by stone-faced paramedics and coroners. This time, it took place outside a Lunar New Year celebration in the predominantly Asian Los Angeles suburb of Monterey Park, with many innocents killed and wounded at a festivity meant to welcome a new cycle of possibilities, but instead became a tragic endpoint.

Each time this happens in this gun-mad country, the victims, the survivors, the weapons, the shooters and the motivations are different. Yet, as with every such shooting, two things are always true: It was an abomination that cut down the lives of those who wanted just to live in safety, and it was a choice, one we collectively made.

It is a choice to make it catastrophically simple to purchase semiautomatic long guns for personal use. It is a choice to allow civilians to waltz into a gun store and walk out with multiple magazines and hundreds of rounds of ammunition, ready to be fed into a machine whose only purpose is to maim and kill.

The specifics here don't change the impact of those choices. Even if the gun was bought illegally, that wouldn't be possible without the streets awash in firearms that were at some point sold legally with little oversight ....

None of this will matter. The pro-gun factions will always have another what if. There's never an answer except that this sort of thing is inevitable. It isn't. It never has been. We chose this and we will just keep choosing it unless we actively change course, if we ever have the courage.

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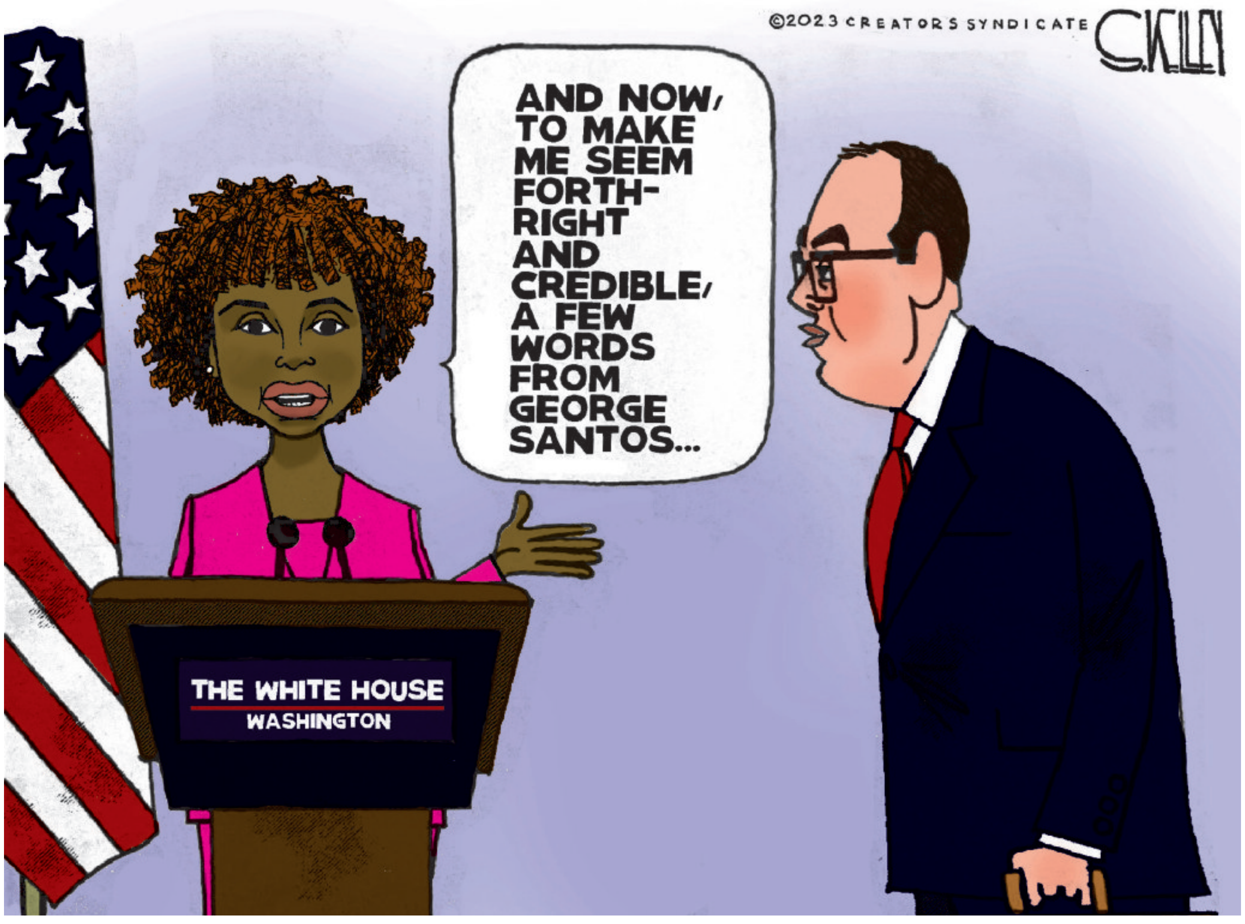
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OPINION

REGAINING TRUST IN CONGRESS

Amid transition, legislators can promote good governance and boost the public's confidence

HAIYUN JIANG/ THE NEW YORK TIMES

By Tim Roemer and Zach Wamp

A string of historic bipartisan victories during the last Congress — including an update of the Electoral Count Act and transformational investments in infrastructure, semiconductor manufacturing, veterans protections and new energy transitions — demonstrate that Congress really can work in a bipartisan and productive manner for the American people. With a new Republican majority in the House of Representatives, insider experts predict Congress will grind to a halt. We hope the bipartisan successes of the last two years can instead be a road map for additional cooperation and improvement.

The flip in control from Democrats to Republicans in the House not only marks the beginning of a new chapter that will heavily influence the remainder of President Joe Biden's four-year term; it also presents the new Republican majority in the House with key opportunities to strengthen and reform Congress itself.

We don't rule out more big bipartisan ideas, such as modest immigration reform, fresh investment in our cybersecurity and election protection, and greater unity on policies with China. But we recommend essential and timely action that our representatives should take during the next several weeks that will further modernize the legislative branch, increase the public's faith that members of Congress are held to the highest ethical standards and bring greater transparency to the lawmaking process. These are all goals that many Republicans and Democrats articulated in various promises on the campaign trail.

First, we strongly urge the House to create a permanent subcommittee within the House Committee on House Administration to continue the important work of the bipartisan House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress to make our legislative branch a more effective, efficient and transparent institution.

Article I of our Constitution calls for a strong, functioning and representative legislative branch, and over the last four years, the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress — under the leadership of Chairman Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Wash., and Vice Chairman William Timmons, R-S.C., and previously Tom Graves, R-Ga. — has advanced a total of 202 bipartisan recommendations. Of those, around 130 have been fully or partially implemented.

The result is an improved Congress that's working better for constituents seeking help in district offices and citizens searching for more information about pending legislation. That's a huge bipartisan success story.

More specifically, these accomplishments include a new system that allows the public to easily track how amendments change legislation and the impact of proposed legislation to current law, the establishment of bipartisan committee staff briefings and agenda-setting retreats to encourage better policymaking and collaboration among members, improved new member orientation, and more opportunities for constituents to better communicate with their elected representatives.

Second, Congress must reinforce and not hinder the Office of Congressional Ethics, or OCE. This independent and nonpartisan ethics watchdog was created in 2008 to restore public confidence in the House by holding members of Congress accountable for ethics violations. Yet the new rules package passed by the House on Jan. 9 seriously undercuts OCE's authority and undermines its ability to fulfill its mandate.

The changes will result in a number of key vacancies and require the OCE to hire its staff for the 118th Congress within 30 days of the adoption of the rule, a random requirement and highly restrictive to attract new staff — and the clock is already ticking. This unprecedented move will likely result in a hamstrung ethics office that is potentially understaffed and unable to conduct investigations in order to safeguard against corruption in the House.

These efforts to hobble the OCE will only reduce trust and transparency in the House. Both parties have campaigned on these similar themes of "clean the swamp" and "reform Congress and hold members accountable." Let's see their campaign promises enacted into bipartisan law.

Our country has been watching and wondering what will happen to newly elected Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., who has apparently lied about his work experience, education background and even his mother's presence on 9/11, by fabricating virtually every aspect of his resume. His high-profile case, possibly including campaign finance violations, will certainly be reviewed by OCE. This Santos affair is an embarrassing episode and erodes confidence in our democratic process, and it's why we need a strong OCE to rid corruption from the halls of Congress.

Third, the House should adopt a more open system for representatives to offer amendments to legislation that has advanced to the full floor. We both advocated for this change while serving in Congress, with mixed results.

Republican and Democratic leadership has resisted calls for more open rules in recent years to avoid politically difficult votes, but this is one important way that members are able to effectively represent their constituents and have a voice in our legislative process.

Such a move will allow all members — particularly newly elected representatives who may not wield as much power as their longer-serving committee chairs or leadership colleagues — to fully participate in "the people's House" and encourage a healthy and lively debate on a host of issues. Power to write legislation has gravitated to the speaker's office when the substantive work of Congress is its expertise on committees and its talented membership.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Laws without morals are in vain." By passing bipartisan laws and enforcing strong ethics, our elected leaders can once again demonstrate that they are working for the people and promoting the common good.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Praise for Wilson's remark

Many will be quick to find fault with mayoral candidate Willie Wilson's remark that the police should be able to hunt down a suspect like a rabbit.

As an owner of many dogs through the years, I can say that every dog needs a job. Terriers, for example, do a fantastic job of hunting rats, mice and rabbits; it's in their blood. Almost every dog can be trained to find, dig out and hold tight some varmint. They don't have to follow this impulse to tear someone to pieces, as they would a rodent, because they learn how we want them to hunt. They do it for the joy of the hunt, praise and playtime afterward with their person.

Just so, police learn to hunt and defeat a threat.

I think I speak for all cops, rookies and veterans alike, when I cheer Wilson's words.

He didn't say anyone should torture or beat potential lawbreakers. Heck, he didn't even suggest we ticket them! Suspects seldom give themselves up or offer information on who the actual perpetrators were, but like a bunny, they often go to ground and hide.

Then, often encouraged by grieving families and other victims, law enforcement officers hunt them. As a retired cop, I will say that this prey drive can and does light up in humans, ideally righteously so.

And as long as criminals try to get away with their ill-gotten gains and the crimes themselves, police *have* to hunt them and bring them to justice.

— *Maja Ramirez, Chicago*

Quiet 'amen' for Wilson

After Chicago's mayoral debate last Thursday, many folks were upset by Willie Wilson's statement on crime that police should "hunt" people like a "rabbit" if they flee. Now, we all acknowledge that Wilson's lack of political correctness and hard-line rhetoric certainly raised the hackles of many liberal Chicagoans. But I'd be willing to bet that many who watched the debate or saw the media responses to his statement secretly whispered an "amen" under their breath.

— *Michael Oakes, Chicago*

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Conservative elites' role

Friday's editorial chided liberal elites for their environmental hypocrisy ("Are liberal elites coming for your gas stove?" Jan. 20). Why not chide conservative elites also? They have done their best to make the rest of us believe that climate change is a hoax not supported by scientific data. However, climate change has been known about for decades and is increasingly supported by current data.

— *Patricia Cahill, Romeoville*

Tamp down nuclear weapons

Our government needs to take immediate action to turn back the Doomsday Clock. The Doomsday Clock, a symbol of the world's vulnerability to nuclear, climate and other catastrophes, has now shifted to 90 seconds to midnight. It is the closest it has ever been to global annihilation.

This is a stark reminder of the urgent need for concrete action from the U.S. government to stop the race toward nuclear war. I urge President Joe Biden and Congress to take immediate steps to reduce the number of nuclear weapons and prevent their use. One important step in this direction Congress can take is to stop funding new nuclear missiles, like the SLCM-N and the LGM-35A Sentinel. Defunding those weapons will reduce opportunities for nuclear escalation and save us billions of dollars. At 90 seconds to midnight, we are dangerously on the brink of global nuclear annihilation. Our government must act now because the fate of our planet and the survival of humanity depend on it.

— *Scott Cowan, Plainfield*

Spread Brehmer's word

I read that in his Albany, New York, days, WXRT-FM 93.1 DJ Lin Brehmer was called the "Reverend of Rock 'n' Roll."

I would happily attend Sunday service to the soulful sermons of "Lin's Bin" and the joyful choir of Los Lobos, the Stones and Mavis Staples. Call it The Church of the Here and Now.

Chicagoans were blessed to have this magnetic poet in our orbit who reminded us daily — "It's great to be alive" and "Take nothing for granted."

In Lin's honor, let's continue to spread his good word.

— *Mary Ann O'Rourke, Barrington*

Memories of live poultry shop

The Vintage Chicago Tribune story "Smells and tastes of home" (Jan. 15) brought back many memories, as my grandparents had a live poultry business in Chicago Heights, as did my parents, when my older brother and I were kids in the 1940s and '50s. We almost lived with the chickens. With our mom-and-pop grocery store in front, we lived behind the store, and the chickens were in the garage.

I remember many a Friday after school and Saturdays when my brother and I had to kill and dress the chickens. The ladies would come to the store, pick out a chicken, and watch and wait as we would prepare the chickens. My parents charged the customer 10 cents for the service. My brother and I would get 5 cents each chicken, and I kept track on a chalk board.

It didn't seem to bother us that we had to work on Saturdays while the neighborhood kids played. I suppose we took it in stride.

I remember going with my uncles to farms in Watseka and Hoopeston in Illinois to buy chickens, eggs and sometimes calves and enjoying the huge Italian sandwiches made by my grandmother for the trip.

One of my uncles took over my grandparents' store. As a teenager working in his store, I would continue to help the customers and also prepare hundreds of chickens for big Italian weddings.

In many ways, those were the good old days.

— *Mario Caruso, Chicago*

OPINION

AI can be educational springboard

By Sheldon Jacobson

ChatGPT is the latest artificial intelligence disrupter. It provides informed answers to questions, generating text with the capability of creating essays around topics. The tool employs machine learning to produce such text and mimic human conversation.

Like many new AI tools, there will be enthusiastic supporters and cautious detractors. Some of the most vociferous critics are coming out of higher education.

ChatGPT poses a threat to many college educators, particularly those in the social sciences and liberal arts, where writing is core to their education and evaluation processes. Even those in the science, technology, engineering and math fields may be affected, given how ChatGPT has demonstrated its ability to solve problems.

College students are taught to logically present and communicate their positions using essays. Their writings are then evaluated to determine how well a student has performed and, in effect, assign the student a grade.

If ChatGPT can create such essays, then how can students be evaluated and graded? Under the current model, they cannot.

This means that alternative ways of evaluating and grading students must be formulated — not to neutralize ChatGPT but to embrace it.

This is not the first time that technology has disrupted education.

In the 1970s, handheld electronic calculators became more affordable, and hence, more ubiquitous. This made the teaching of arithmetic calculations obsolete, though not the rules by which they are executed.

Instead of fighting the use of calculators, mathematics education transformed, effectively embracing problem formulation and problem solving. This allowed students to consider real-world problems in which the answers could be computed using calculators, provided the problem was correctly formulated and the appropriate techniques were applied.

Calculators expanded the scope of problems that could be tackled. This technological transformation meant that the process rather than the outcome became the target of student evaluation.

A similar transformation will be needed when essays provided by ChatGPT are to be evaluated.

ChatGPT creates text, but the genesis of such text is existing ideas.

ChatGPT is also not flawless. It can extract incorrect information and regurgitate it. Unlike people, it cannot reason and employ critical thinking.

What people bring to the table are ideas. This creates a much higher bar for evaluation, with the essay style and structure provided by ChatGPT serving as a first draft. Students can then imbue their own creative content to enhance what ChatGPT initially provided.

This means that grammar and punctuation are likely to be flawless with ChatGPT. What will be far less impressive is the novelty embedded in the content. This makes ChatGPT strong on style and sizzle and more limited on substance.

ChatGPT will not be the last text creator available. Indeed, new and improved products are likely to be introduced in the coming years.

For those intent on holding onto existing methods to evaluate students, they will be swimming upstream against a strong current. However, if AI tools can create text, then AI tools will become available to detect AI, much like using fire to fight fire. Such tools would effectively uncover a writing's DNA to assess its origins. This is the foundation for the Turing Test originally proposed to assess whether a computing device can appear to think like a person.

Stopping an AI advance in this manner is a short-term stopgap for what is likely to be a long-term trend.

At the root of many of the criticisms is fear. Any new tool has the potential to affect people's lives and livelihoods. Such concerns are likely ill-founded and most certainly premature.

Will ChatGPT replace college instructors? Hardly. What it could do is improve their ability to educate. It may also expose those who are ineffective.

Students who rely totally on ChatGPT or similar AI systems for writing essays may find that their beautifully composed writing, with appropriate scrutiny, will be exposed for its lack of depth and creativity. On the other hand, students could use ChatGPT to learn about a topic and then take advantage of its output as a launchpad and imbue it with their own ideas. This will make the final product better than what they could have composed on their own. In this way, ChatGPT improves the initial conditions. This also means that the bar for success must be similarly moved higher.

If I composed an exam on which ChatGPT could score a perfect grade, the problem may be my exam, not ChatGPT. Perhaps my goal should be to compose an exam that ChatGPT could not successfully tackle.

The ability for ChatGPT to pass medical exams such as the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam exposes these exams for highlighting recollection of facts, not for innovative thinking, feeding to ChatGPT's strength.

ChatGPT is a game-changer and disrupter. It will enable better writing and, if embraced, better thinking, something that all educators should support. The question is whether higher education will accept this change and allow it to be a springboard for better written communication.

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Carlos Glover, 9, is held by his mother, Joselin, on Jan. 6 after a shooting at their Newport News, Va., school. BILLY SCHUERMAN/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

A 6-year-old is accused of a shooting. It's beyond time for a paradigm shift.

By Jerald McNair

Six-year-old children should be learning to read, identify new words by matching letters to sounds, count to 100, and do basic addition and subtraction. But now we have a 6-year-old who allegedly shot his teacher in Newport News, Virginia.

Unfortunately, school shootings are not uncommon. There have been more than 1,300 school shootings in the U.S. since 1970, according to data from the government-sponsored Homeland Security Digital Library. Since the Columbine High School shooting in 1999 in Colorado, where two teens killed 13 people, there have been well over 500 school shootings. The shooting in Uvalde, Texas, in May, where 19 children and two adults were killed, was the most recent school massacre to shock the nation.

Sadly, we are growing too accustomed to school shootings, which speaks to the need for change in our system. However, the news of a 6-year-old allegedly shooting his teacher did shock us all. Of all the shootings at schools, none of the offenders has been this young.

We have a dilemma on our hands: How do we address this issue from a legal and educational standpoint? Common law recognizes the innocence of youth at this age under the doctrine known as infancy defense. It holds that children younger than 7 should not be prosecuted for a crime because they are too young to form criminal intent.

Unfortunately, no one envisioned a century ago, when common law was formed, that our youths would have this kind of exposure to the world. Social media didn't exist, and neither did the internet. The world was significantly different. More than half our youth younger than 11 own a cellphone, according to data from Common Sense Media, and therefore access to the world.

Parents and other stakeholders are concerned over children's use of technology and the impact it's having on them. The rates at which our youths are using phones and other technological devices continues to grow. With this exposure, it's conceivable to think that they may experience behavioral changes, as was revealed in a study of about 1,600 first-graders in Japan in 2018. The study found a link between the use of smartphone technology and behavioral development.

While the legal system works out the unprecedented school shooting in Virginia to determine what contributed to this horrific act, school doors across the country must continue to open daily. The problem is that it's not a matter of if there will be another school shooting — but when. Historically, school districts have not had to worry about young elementary students carrying out shootings but those outside the school, who are known as external threats.

Now that conversation has to change, and so should the practices. One practice to consider is putting metal detectors in every school across the country or at least having each school district seriously consider it.

In this era of polarization, where it's more difficult than ever to get consensus on policy matters, one thing we all share is a desire to keep our kids safe. No matter our race, ethnicity or religious affiliation or whether we're Democrats, Republicans or independents, we all want our children to have productive lives.

Far too many of our children are being negatively affected by violence. While we focus on the 6-year-old who allegedly shot his teacher and we hope he gets counseling, what about the children who were in that classroom? What about the teacher? They have to live with this trauma for the rest of their lives.

Metal detectors may be able to prevent some of these senseless acts. There are well over 13,000 public school districts and more than 30,000 private schools in the U.S., which shows how complex the situation is. School shootings can happen in any one of these districts, whether the community is rural, suburban or urban.

How metal detectors will be funded may cause some communities pause. But that should be the least of our worries. The lives of our children and teachers must take precedence over politics. With the help of federal and state funding, resources can be found. Political difficulties should not prevent any attempts to make it happen. Some children are concerned about attending school because they are afraid for their safety, and far too many teachers are leaving the profession.

Students and teachers have a right to feel assured when they go to school. Parents have a right to expect that their children will not be shot at school and will return home unharmed. Metal detectors may help save lives and deter those who may desire to take part in such tragic events.

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Classified documents were found in former Vice President Mike Pence's Indiana home last week. STEPHEN M. DOWELL/ORLANDO SENTINEL

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"Obviously there's a systemic problem in the executive branch," Rubio said. "We're talking about two successive administrations from two different parties, with officials at the top level having, in their possession, documents in places that they don't belong."

The Democratic chairman of that panel, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, had tart advice for all ex-presidents and future ones regardless of party: "Go check your closets."

The latest disclosure came from Pence lawyer Greg Jacob, who informed the National Archives — the proper place for such material — that classified documents were found last week in Pence's Indiana home.

Jacob said an apparently small number of papers were inadvertently boxed and transported to the home at the end of the Trump administration and came to light when Pence, prompted by the discoveries in Biden's home and pre-presidential think-tank offices, asked lawyers to see if he had some as well.

Special counsels are investigating the Trump and Biden episodes. In all three matters, the significance of the classified material and whether its mishandling breaches national security is not publicly known. But it is clear that some of the documents retrieved at Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in Palm Beach, Florida, were top secret.

Trump, a Republican, took it as an affront that the government came searching his quarters for classified material he wasn't supposed to have, even though he fought efforts to reclaim them for months, and the government was forced to issue a subpoena to get them. Aides to Biden, a Democrat, say they cooperated quickly and fully when such material was found at a former office in Washington, though they waited for months to make public what had happened.

In the Republican-controlled House, Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio, a contender to lead the Intelligence Committee, said he will ask for the same intelligence review and damage assessment in the Pence case as he did in earlier discoveries.

Heedless handling of secure information by top officials became a politically charged issue during the 2016 presidential race, when Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate, was investigated for her loose email practices as secretary of state.

Then-FBI chief James Comey concluded she and aides were "extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information," but not willfully so, and he recommended against criminal prosecution.

The sprawling, ungainly U.S. government has plenty of people who can see at least some secrets and are supposed to keep them closely held. Some 1.25 million held top-secret clearance in 2019, according to a government report.

Leaks of classified information to the media aren't uncommon. But lawmakers from both parties said something is broken in the classification system when a president, an ex-president and an ex-vice president are found with papers they are not entitled to have.

"I don't believe there were 'sinister motives' with regards to the handling of classified information by President Biden, President Trump, or Vice President Pence," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina tweeted. "We have a classified information problem which needs to be fixed."

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and a senior member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., have been working for years on an overhaul of the classification system, which he called a "broken-down mess."

Representatives of former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as well as of Bush Vice President Dick Cheney, said there were no instances of classified documents being found outside the custody of the archives after their time in office.

But at least several times a year, former officials from all levels of government discover they have classified material and turn it over to authorities, said a person familiar with the process, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of classified documents.

That person said former President Jimmy Carter found classified materials at his home in Plains, Georgia, on at least one occasion and returned them to the National Archives. But Carter's records legally belonged to him because it was not until after his presidency that the law defined all presidential and vice presidential records as property of the U.S. government.

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ON JAN. 26 ...

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America and expressed his preference: the turkey.

In 1788 the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

In 1802 Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.

In 1837 Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1841 Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861 Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870 Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1880 Gen. Douglas MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Ark.

In 1893 Bessie Coleman, the pioneering African-American aviator who began to pursue her dream of flight in Chicago, was born in Atlanta, Texas.

In 1911 the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1915 President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

In 1942 the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950 India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1957 rock guitarist Eddie Van Halen was born in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

In 1962 the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe missed its target by about 22,000 miles.

In 1973 actor Edward G. Robinson died in Los Angeles; he was 79.

In 1979 former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York; he was 70.

In 1986 in Super Bowl XX the Chicago Bears beat the New England Patriots 46-10 in New Orleans.

In 1988 the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "The Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1992, on CBS News' "60 Minutes," Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, appearing with his wife, Hillary, acknowledged "causing pain in my marriage," but said past problems were not relevant to the campaign. Also in 1992 actor Jose Ferrer died in Coral Gables, Fla.; he was 80.

In 1993 former Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel was elected president of the new Czech Republic.

In 1995, a little more than three weeks after Republicans had taken control of Congress, the House endorsed a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution designed to eliminate chronic federal deficits.

In 1996 Olympic wrestler Dave Schultz was fatally shot at the suburban Philadelphia estate of John E. du Pont; du Pont surrendered 48 hours later. (Du Pont was later convicted of third-degree murder but mentally ill; he died in prison Dec. 9, 2010.)

In 1997 the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 to win their first Super Bowl in 29 years.

In 1998 President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

In 2001 lacrosse coach Diane Whipple was attacked and killed by two huge dogs outside her apartment in San Francisco. (The dogs' owners were later convicted of murder and manslaughter in connection with the death.) Also in 2001 a devastating earthquake hit the Indian subcontinent, killing more than 13,000 people.

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Death Notices

Bjerga, Norvall

Norvall Bjerga, age 94, of Franklin Park passed away January 17, 2023. He was born on April 19, 1928 in Stavanger, Norway. He is survived by his children Jared (Jerry) Bjerga, Joy (Douglas) Rogers, Joanne (Mark) Suri, Julie Heaton and Jennifer (Brad) Bjerga, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 from 10 am until time of Funeral Service at 11 am at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9777 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131. Interment will be private.

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Courtney, Thomas J., III

Thomas J. Courtney III, age 82; beloved husband of Rosemarie (nee Maas); loving father of Thomas IV (Patricia) Courtney and Michael (Cari) Courtney; cherished grandpa of Lauren, Grace, and Andrew Courtney. Graduate of Fenwick High School, DePaul University, and Illinois Institute of Technology. Worked as an engineer for IBM for 35 years. Volunteered for Girl Scouts for 58 years and Boy Scouts for 49 years. Visitation Saturday 9:00 am until time of prayers at 10:45 am at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 11:30 am. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Archives, Pathway to Adventure Boy Scout Council, and Mercy Home for Boys and Girls are appreciated. For funeral information: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Eaheart-Gramm, Rita Jean

Rita Jean Gramm (nee Eaheart) was a vital spark of life whose example of a life well lived will remain with us. She peacefully passed away on January 21, 2023, having been enveloped in the loving support of her family and a not-so-small village of friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Born on June 14, 1965, Rita Jean is survived by her father, Bill; her brothers, Bill (Maggie) and Brian (Carla); nephews and niece, Quinn, Burke, Delaney, Brennan, and Owen; and countless relatives, great friends, and children who called her "Aunt." She was preceded in death by her Mother, Rita Jean (nee McNerney). Gi cultivated the best in everyone she met and made herself available to others with a warm and generous heart. She believed in people and their potential, and through deep friendships and a meaningful career as a primary grade school teacher, she uplifted those around her. Her infectious laugh, an outward sign of the character within, brought joy. Family and friends will fondly remember Rita Jean's ability to plan unique details for holidays, vacations, parties, and many festive occasions with a steadfast insistence that there was always room for one more at her table. She accomplished a great deal in her 57 incredible years. Even though her time here was cut short, she is undoubtedly inspiring us all and will continue to do so. She is the kind of soul that will endure forever. Visitation Friday, January 27th 3:00 pm –8:00 pm, at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL. Funeral Mass, Saturday, January 28th, 9:30 am, at St. Christina Church, 11005 S. Homan, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, Gi and her family would appreciate a kind offering to Reading in Motion (https://readinginmotion.org/). For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Koenig, Jacqueline

Jacqueline Koenig, nee Cowen, 87. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; devoted mother of Ted (Nancy), Suzanne, Brandon (Amy) and Leonard Koenig; cherished grandmother of Michael Koenig, Stephanie (Max) Samels, David, Jonathan, Lila, Erica, and Rory Koenig; caring daughter of the late Ned and Eva Cowen. Jackie was like a second mom to many while her kids were growing up and beyond. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched. Funeral service Friday, Jan. 27, 11 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. For funeral and streaming info: www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com

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Lyons, Kenneth Robert 'Ken'

Kenneth Robert Lyons, age 65, of Skokie, IL, peacefully passed away in West Valley City, Utah, at home with his family, now home to Jesus, on January 12, 2023. He was born on April 28, 1957 in Skokie, IL, to Rose M., nee Cattelino and Robert J. Lyons who have since preceded him in death along with his fond brother, Thomas L. He is survived by his loving daughter Melissa (Chris) Godfrey; precious granddaughters Sicily and Tessa; nephew Richard (Victoria) Lyons; darling great-niece Aria; dear great-nephew Tommy; nephew Robert E. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. A Celebration of Life service will be held in Skokie, IL, on April 28, 2023. Details to follow.

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Nau, Simone

Simone Nau, a Haitian-American who worked as a surgical nurse in numerous hospitals in the Chicagoland area and eventually retired after 45 years in the operating room. She was a mother to three sons, Wesner, Gerald and Ronald and a grandmother to Natalie, Nicole, Sabine, Camille and Jacques. She is survived by her brother's children Dr. Carline Oyadiran and Judith Hyppolite, and by her sister Laure Georges.

Her wake and funeral service will be held at St Thomas the Apostle, 5472 S. Kimbark Ave Chicago, IL 60615 at 10am and 11am respectively on the 28th of January, 2023.

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O'Laughlin, Philomena

Philomena O'Laughlin, beloved wife of the late Michael O'Loughlin, loving mother of Pauline (John) DeGrazia, Mary Ellen (John) Lally, Joan (Terry) O'Rourke, Michael (Sarah) and Kevin (Laura); proud and cherished grandmother of Maura, Sean and Fiona DeGrazia; Rory, Maggie and Kevin Lally; Declan and Siobhan O'Rourke, Winifred and Niamh O'Laughlin. Fond sister of Pat (the late Kathleen) McNicholas, and reunited with siblings Mary (Larry) Jennings, Johnny (Mary) McNicholas, Ann (Larry) Butler, and Tom (Mary) McNicholas. Beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Born January 9th,1940 in Ara, Balla, Co. Mayo, Ireland. Welcomed by Tom Hughes on the south side of Chicago in the Spring of 1959. Long-time parishioner of St. Juliana Church in Edison Park, Chicago. Believer in the power of prayer, friendship, and family. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, Friday 3 to 8 pm. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 am at St. Juliana Church. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations made to The Make a Wish Foundation of Illinois are appreciated. For info (847) 685-1002.

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Olsen, Joyce

Joyce is survived by her husband Clifford Olsen (married August 22nd, 1959) and daughter Susan (Jon) Brodzik Jr. and grandchildren Jenelle Brodzik (Nathan Harting), Timothy (Lain) Brodzik. She is preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Norma Gehrls, sisters and brothers. Joyce will be remembered for her loving and giving heart. She enjoyed summers and fall in her garden and teaching how to bake and decorate cakes.

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Rogel DDS, Arthur W.

Arthur W. Rogel D.D.S. age 92, U.S. Air Force Veteran. Longtime resident and Dentist in Homewood, IL. Beloved husband of Arlene B. Rogel nee Blanchard. Loving father of Mary Jo (Dennis) May, Cathy (Dan) Sarna, Joan (Michael) Cantieri, Philip (Diane nee Majchrzak) Rogel, Diane Rogel and David Rogel. Cherished grandfather of 16, great-grandfather of 22. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home** 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood. Funeral Saturday with 9:45am prayers at the Funeral Home to St. John Neumann Church (formerly St. Joseph Church) in Homewood for mass at 10:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL. For full obituary go to tews-ryanfh.com or call 708-798-5300.

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Roguska-Kyts, Jadwiga

Jadwiga Roguska-Kyts MD, age 90, beloved wife of the late Robert B. Kyts; dear sister of Josef (Ewa) Roguski; Jadwiga was a third generation physician, philanthropist, researcher, educator, internist, nephrologist and distinguished faculty member at Northwestern University in Chicago for over 56 years of dedicated practice including participation in Northwestern Medical School Committees including, curriculum, admission, student advisory, resident evaluation, medical-legal and professional standards; former attending at Cook County Hospital and with the VA in Chicago; Fellow of the American College of Physicians; recipient of the Northwestern Distinguished Physician Award and has been named a Nathan Smith Davis Distinguished Fellow and Life Member. After the death of her husband, Dr. Roguska devoted her life to other forms of philanthropy – arising out special needs and helping Poland with projects in the area of a mental health care, hospice care, and a rehabilitation. Through The Robert and Jadwiga Kyts Charitable Foundation, she built an Alzheimer Disease center in Poznan, Poland named in honor of her late father, Jan Rogouski, a physician and Dean of the Poznan Academy of Medicine. Most recently, Dr. Roguska endowed the Dr. Jadwiga Roguska-Kyts, M.D. Concert Hall for the Academy of Music of the Padereski Symphony Orchestra. She was also a staunch supporter of the Lajkonik Dancers from Holy Trinity Catholic School. The Foundation has upgraded schools in Poland and support the pursuit of a variety of academic degrees including medical degrees, engineering degrees, law degrees, music degrees, and art degrees. Visitation Friday, January 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, January 28, 2023 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Polish Catholic Church, 1118 North Noble Street, Chicago. Private Interment Saint Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles. Livestream of funeral Mass available through funeral home website. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the charity of your choice. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com.

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Ronan, Alfred G. 'Al'

Alfred G. Ronan, (75) "Al," of Park Ridge, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2023, after a prolonged illness. Al was born in Chicago on December 3, 1947, to Phyllis and James Ronan. Al was a graduate of Fenwick High School and went onto graduate from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a degree in political science. During his time at UIC Al was a football player and letter winner and later became a generous benefactor of the University. Shortly after graduating UIC, Al began a career in politics as a downstate political organizer for then candidate and future Governor Dan Walker. Al was later appointed Director of the Division of Mental Health for the State of Illinois and as Deputy Secretary at the Illinois Department of Transportation. At 31, Al was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives representing the northwest side of Chicago. In the Illinois House, Al championed important issues such as a statewide seat belt mandate and consistently pushed for increased funding for K-12 education. After 14 years in the Illinois General Assembly, Al started and ran a successful lobbying and consulting practice. Al was a trusted friend and political advisor to many. He will be remembered for his quick wit and extensive knowledge of political issues at both the local and national level. Al loved his daughters, golf, and all things Springfield in that order. He is survived by his daughters Maren Ronan (Hon. Nicholas Kantas) and Jenna Ronan. He was a beloved grandfather of Violet and Alexander Kantas. He is also survived by his longtime partner Cheryl Axley and his sisters Maryanne Locklin and Bobbie Siller. Services will be held at St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs on Friday, January 27th, 2023. The visitation will be held at 10am followed by an 11am mass. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the UIC Flames Athletic Fund. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Witt, Michael H.

Age 84; Cherished husband of Lorelei "Lori", nee Wallen; Beloved father of Michelle Moore, Deborah (Tom) Morowczynski, Marjorie (Andrew) Sullivan, James Witt, Patrick Witt, Kathryn Tworek, Timothy Witt, Jennifer (James) Zielke, and the late Michael (Megan) Witt; Proud grandfather of Jacqueline, Kelli, Kaitlin, Brian, David, Cory, Brittany, Matthew, Jack, Anna, Kelsey, Maima, Jacob, Amelia, Savannah, Tony, Breanna, Timothy W., Allison, Grace, Timothy Z., Brandon, Madison, Thomas, Abigail, Lucy; Precious great-grandfather of Isabelle, Bennett, Olivia, Charlie, Jack, Haven, Caleb, Kayden, and Jonah; Dear brother of the late Donna Hannigan and Gene (Shirley) Witt; Fond brother-in-law and uncle to many; Life-time friend to Paul (Agnes) Negri and many others. Lifelong volunteer for Chicago Ridge including Park District Trustee, Chicago Ridge Police Commissioner, Building Commissioner, Chicago Ridge Khoury League President, Worth Township Trustee and Highway Commissioner and others. Mike was a carpenter contractor for over 50 years. Visitation Friday, January 27, 2023 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church, 10811 Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment St. Casimir Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's name to Shriners Hospital or St. Jude Children's Cancer Research would be appreciated; For funeral info: 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Yore III, Francis Joseph 'Frank'

Francis Joseph Yore III, "Frank" was born on June 11, 1935, in Chicago, IL to: Francis Joseph Yore II and Charlotte nee, Turskey, entered into eternal rest on January 17, 2023, in Lutz, FL. Frank was predeceased by his sisters: Charwill Smeddick (Sr. Pia OSB), Marlyne Olsen and son, Peter W. Yore. He is survived by: his loving wife of 63 years, Arlynne (Mastrangelo), 8 children, 13 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and brother: John W. Yore. Frank attended St. Mel's High School, Chicago, mainly worked in insurance and tax preparation and was a member of the Batavia Moose Lodge. Quite proficient with the chromatic harp, Frank always loved a great jam session. **Brewer and Sons Funeral Home**, 1190 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601 Friday, January 27.

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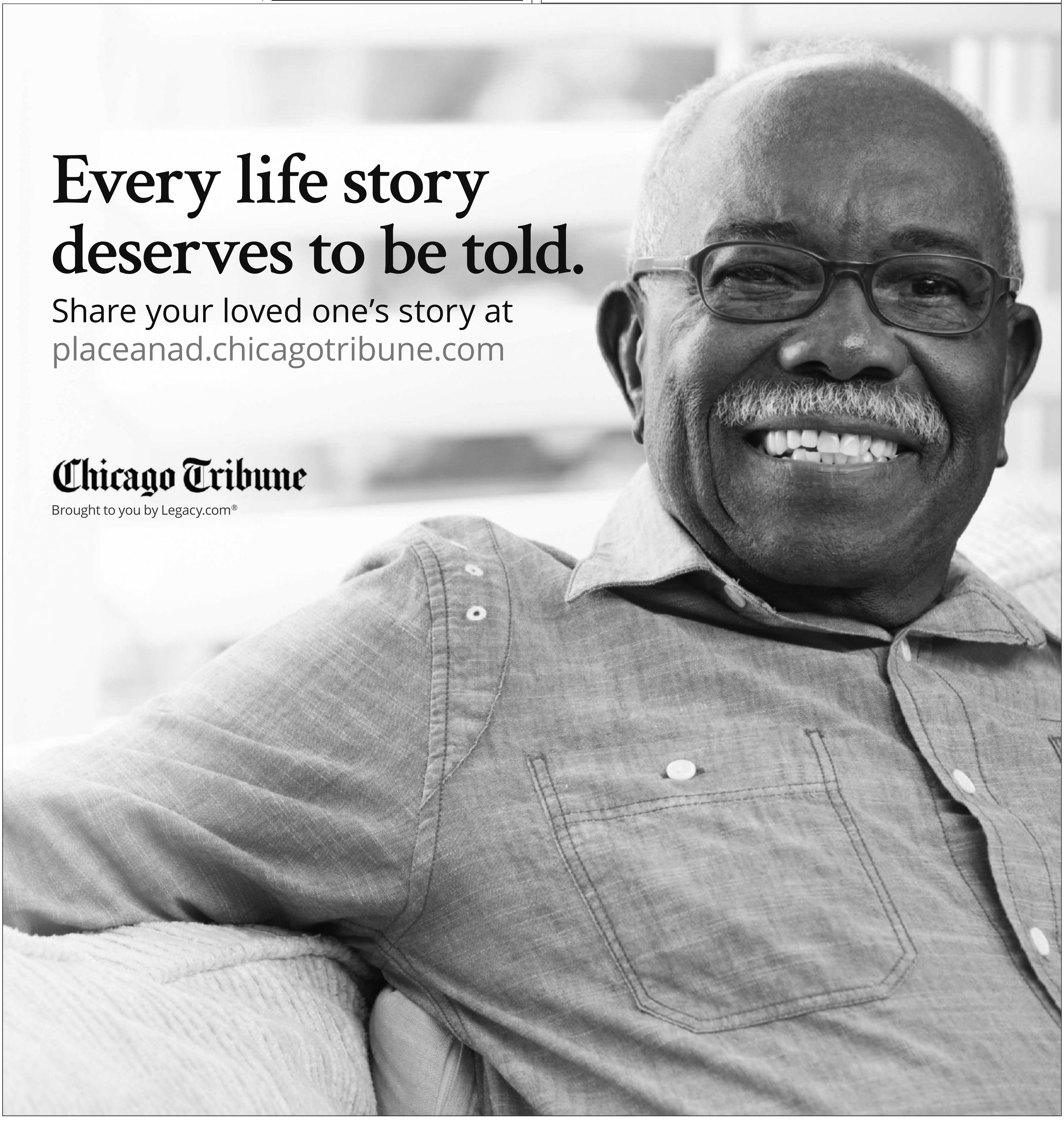

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Tony Seitz, 4631 Georgina Drive, Billings, Montana 59106. Email is seitzt44@gmail.com. **(406) 850-5620**

ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook C**ounty** Fi**le No. 1356668200026** on the D**ate: 12/14/2022 11:59 PM**
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Jan. 19, 26, & Feb. 2, 2023 - 7363657

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 23, 2023 to the link below:
https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Req No.: B22OP00964,
Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) for Professional Asbestos and Lead Consulting Services as required for a period of up to thirty-six (36) months from date of contract execution.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
Pre-Bid Meeting via Zoom will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM CTS.
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdOqopjkrHtLu-5gWTUxDSRuQXh6T1Rcs
Questions regarding this Bid must be submitted via Bonfire no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Questions will not be accepted after this date and time. For additional information, please contact Sherri Hutcherson, Procurement Administrator, shutcherson@transitchicago.com.
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The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all Insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
Chicago Transit Authority hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
January 26, 2023
1/26/2023 7368572

CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids will be received by the City's Purchasing Office until 2:00 P.M. local time Tuesday, February 21, 2023 and will be publicly read virtually via Google Meets at 2:15 P.M. Interested parties can use the following link: meet.google.com/erk-vjyw- pza or join by phone 617-675-4444 PIN: 491 020 418 0044# to access the virtual bid opening. The City of Evanston no longer accepts hard copy paper submittals for any solicitation. Responses will only be accepted electronically via E-bidding through DemandStar (www.demandstar.com). Although registration is required, vendors can download solicitations and upload responses for free. Bids shall cover the following:
Evanston Skate Park at Twiggs Park
Bid Number: 23-03
Work on this project includes construction of a new skate park at the eastern end of Twiggs Park located south of the North Shore Channel, between Dewey Street and Green Bay Road in Evanston, Illinois.
A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held virtually on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. All firms intending to submit a bid for this project are encouraged to attend to discuss the proposed work and receive answers to question related to the project. To access the pre-bid meeting online please follow this link: meet.google.com/zkf-mehy-qvu. To access the pre-bid meeting by phone please dial: 475-222-3564, PIN: 728 301 382#. The above item shall conform to the Invitation for Bids on file in the Purchasing Office. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or DemandStar at: www.demandstar.com.
This project is being financed, in part, with funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, "Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development" (OSLAD) grant program.
The City of Evanston (the City) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this Notice will be awarded to the successful Bidders without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin. The State of Illinois requires under Public Works contracts that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality be paid for each craft or type of worker hereunder. This requirement is in accordance with The Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) as amended. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.
Each Bidder shall be required to submit with their bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 1-18-1 et seq. Failure to submit such information will result in the disqualification of such bid.
Linda Thomas
Purchasing Specialist
January 26, 2023 - 7366935

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1/26/23 7367329

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NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Calumet City Plumbing Co., Inc., 281 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, IL 60409 (708) 868-0074, is seeking Disadvantaged Businesses for the Village of Diamond, IL Water Meter Replacement Project for Subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Water Meter Replacement Project Management & Appointment Scheduling. All Disadvantaged businesses should contact, in writing, certified letter, return receipt requested, Moe Giglio, to discuss the Subcontracting Opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date of 2/14/2023. All bids received will be equally evaluated on price, experience and qualifications met according to specifications.
January 26, 2023 - 7368561

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Sheet Metal Worker (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 20, 2023 through February 3, 2023. **Examination Date:** March 4, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Sheet Metal Worker practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled work in connection with the fabrication, erection, assembly, alteration and repair of articles constructed of sheet metal, including sheet metal pipes, flues, ducts, gutters, bins and other items constructed of sheet metal. **Salary:** $49.10 per hour

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TO: CREDITORS, CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES

1. Notice is given of the death of BRIAN L. WISCHNEFSKI, who died on August 5, 2022, a resident of Plainfield, IL.
2. The Representative for the estate and his address is:
David J. Wischnefski
12720 Brockton Lane North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
3. The Attorney for the estate and her address is:
Margaret A. Kramer
Dreyer, Foote, Streit, Furgason & Slocum, P.A.
1999 W. Downer Pl.
Aurora, IL 60506
4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before July 17, 2023. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 100 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
5. On December 9, 2022, an Order Appointing the Representative was entered.
6. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 1/2, Par. 28-4).
01/19,26 & 02/02/2023 7362876

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Vissering Construction Company, 175 Benchmark Industrial Drive, Streator, IL 61364, Phone: (815) 673-5511, is seeking qualified disadvantaged businesses for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion for the Village of Coal City, IL. The subcontracting opportunities are in the following areas: Demolition, Earthwork, Site Piping, Concrete, Masonry, Roofing, Metals, Doors, Coiling doors, Glazing, Epoxy Flooring, Painting, Equipment, Instrumentation, Plumbing, HVAC & Electrical. All interested and qualified MBE, PBE, SDVOSB, SWS, VOSB, WBE & WMBE businesses should contact, IN WRITING (certified letter, return receipt requested), Tom Jones, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid no later than February 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM. All bids received will be reviewed for compliance of the contract documents and awarded to the lowest responsive bidder meeting these requirements.
1/26/23 7368578

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS T. GATLIN AKA MARCUS GATLIN AKA MARCUS TERRELL GATLIN; MARYNOOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH DOYLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 18CH11825 Property Address: 5919 West 63rd Place Chicago, IL 60638 Lyle Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 56 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH DOYLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 3 IN CLEAR PARK, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 19-20-204-020-0000 Said property is commonly known as 5919 West 63rd Place, Chicago, IL 60638 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1406534014, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-929406
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION AXIOM FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ELIO VIVACQUA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC; VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022CH09670 Property Address: 4126 N. OKETO AVE. NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Perkins Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 62 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; ELIO VIVACQUA ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 167 IN VOLK BROTHERS SECOND ADDITION TO SHAW ESTATES BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1925 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 8760260 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 12-13-408-027-0000 Said property is commonly known as 4126 N. OKETO AVE., NORRIDGE, IL 60706 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0615011043 , and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-929410
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Mary E Patterson, Village of Maywood, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendant(s). 2022CH11411 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: MARY E PATTERSON, Village of Maywood, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot 3 and the South Half of Lot 2 in Abigail L Daniel`s Subdivision of Block 17 of Smith`s Addition to Maywood, a Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter and the East 693 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 39 North, Range 12 recorded July 14, 1893 as Document 103912, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 305 South 11th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153 and which said mortgage was made by, Mary E. Patterson, single never married; Mortgagor(s), to Preferred Mortgage Associates, LTD.; Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 98352172; and for other relief. **CASE MANAGEMENT HEARING** 1/23/23 @ 9:30AM, Judge Marian E. Perkins, by Zoom** Meeting ID: 941 2445 6665 Password: 486865 Dial in Number: 312-626-6799 UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before FEBRUARY 20, 2023 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff Attorney No: 46689 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: (312) 239-3432 Fax: (312) 284-4820 pleadings@rsmalaw.com File No:22IL00233-1 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this firm may be deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 8120-929581
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC PLAINTIFF, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES OF MATTIE SLOAN, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2022CH12077 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7832 S EBERHART AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60619 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES OF MATTIE SLOAN, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Cook County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: LOT 5 IN WILLIAM H. MAHON'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 11 TO 18, BOTH INCLUSIVE, IN REID'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 7832 S EBERHART AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60619 PIN: 20-27-425-029-000 Said mortgage was executed by MATTIE SLOAN, as mortgagor(s) and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as mortgagee, on 6/19/2006 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document Number 0617443142 . E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 02/13/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. Thomas LaSalle 6340111 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC Firm ID: 65582 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 22-023952 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8120-929444
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2019-1, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CATHERINE VITAIOLI; LINCOLN POINT CONDOMINIUM HOMES ASSOCIATION; NICOLE C. VITAIOLI; MARIA S. BENDERY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022CH12161 Property Address: 4838 HOWARD ST. UNIT 308 AND PARKING SPACE 10 SKOKIE, IL 60077 Perkins Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 62 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CATHERINE VITAIOLI; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: UNIT NO. 308 AND COVERED PARKING SPACE NO. 10, IN LINCOLN POINT CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: LOTS 3 TO 10 BOTH INCLUSIVE, IN HOWARD STREET AND LINCOLN AVENUE SUBDIVISION IN BLOCK 17 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, TOGETHER WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY 12 FEET OF THE 16 FOOT VACATED ALLEY LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS, EXCEPT THAT PART OF AFORESAID 16 FOOT VACATED ALLEY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE WEST CORNER OF AFORESAID LOT 3 THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, IN THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF AFORESAID LOT 3 EXTENDED SOUTHWESTERLY, A DISTANCE OF 12 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF AFORESAID LOT 3 A DISTANCE OF 12.57 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST, IN A LINE TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF AFORESAID LOT 3 THAT IS 23.98 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF THE AFORESAID WEST CORNER OF LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 16.56 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY IN THE AFORESAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 3 A DISTANCE OF 23.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 25700790, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS. P.I.N.: 10-28-230-083-1022; 10-28-230-083-1044 Said property is commonly known as 4838 HOWARD ST. UNIT 308 AND PARKING SPACE 10, SKOKIE, IL 60077 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0627220165, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 27, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-929742
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TO: Sidney Richardson 5527 W. Cortez St. Chicago, IL 60651 Sidney Richardson 3417 Quinlan Blvd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110 Sidney Richardson 3299 Everson Rd. E Columbus, OH 43232 Gladys Richardson 5527 W. Cortez St. Chicago, IL 60651 Gladys Richardson 3417 Quinlan Blvd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110 Gladys Richardson 3299 Everson Rd. E Columbus, OH 43232 Unknown Occupants 5527 W. Cortez St. Chicago, IL 60651 Unknown Occupants 5525 W. Cortez St. Chicago, IL 60651 Unknown heirs and legatees of Sidney & Gladys Richardson 3417 Quinlan Blvd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110 Unknown heirs and legatees of Sidney & Gladys Richardson 3299 Everson Rd. E Columbus, OH 43232 Tavia Jordan 2101 S. Michigan Ave. Apt. 1901 Chicago, IL 60616 Tavia Jordan 10350 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 206 Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Sylvia Perry 3336 Ridge Rd. Apt. 2 Lansing, IL 60438 Sylvia Perry 3701 173rd Ct. Apt. 11B Lansing, IL 60438 Sylvia Perry 1203 E Joe Orr Rd. Chicago Heights, IL 60411 Sylvia Richardson 9 Patrick Ct. Lynwood, IL 60411 Sylvia Richardson 18344 Locust St. Lansing, IL 60438 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001586 FILED: December 8, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 25, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0007017 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2012-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5527 W CORTEZ ST., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-04-310-022-0000, Volume 544 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 7, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 7, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on July 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 7, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 JULIE I. REYES Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 8, 2022
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TO: Jose Monarrez; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General;; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001594 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 25, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0007362 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4145 W. 5TH AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-15-410-007-0000 Vol. 563 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net Elizabeth Heneghan, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Alexander Nitchoff 6120 S. Archer Road Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupants 7738 W 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. 7738 W 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Alexander Nitchoff 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Constantino Nitchoff 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Nitchoff 16568 Pasture Drive Lemont, IL 60439 Got Dumped, Inc. 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 Koral Enterprises 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Fastenal 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupant 6120 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501 Unknown Occupant 7742 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501 MAKO PROPERTIES 7742 W 61st PL Summit, IL 60501 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001533 FILED: November 22, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 16, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0001323 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2001-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7738 W. 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501 Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-13-303-005-0000, Volume 080 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 8, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 8, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 31, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 8, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 SUMMIT PARKING MANAGEMENT LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 22, 2022
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TO: David M. Fleishman (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC-dissolved 8/9/2013); Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC's (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC - dissolved 8/9/2013); John D. Cummins (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC - dissolved 8/9/2013); Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC's (re: South Sub Renovations LLC - dissolved 12/4/2022); Woodie Johnson (re: South Sub Renovations LLC - dissolved 12/4/2020); City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001596 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005470 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 540 WEST 60TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-303-018-0000 Vol. 422 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: Metro Capital Investors, LLC, c/o Floyd Williams, Jr.; Illinois Secretary of State (re: Metro Capital Investors, LLC [NGS]); Metro Capital Investors, LLC, c/o Chris Athanasopoulos; W.L. Miggins; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001591 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005471 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 534 West 60th Street, Chicago, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-303-020-0000 Vol. 422 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: Kiley LLC; Kiley LLC c/o Julia Davis; Chester Wojnicki; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001588 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005468 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2008-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5940 SOUTH PARNELL AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-303-013-0000 Vol. 422 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: TP Chicago Partners, General Partnership; TP Chicago Partners, General Partnership c/o James Athanasopoulos; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001590 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005469 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2009-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 542 West 60th Street , Chicago, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-303-017-0000 Vol. 422 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: David M. Fleishman (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC-dissolved 8/9/2013); Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC's (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC - dissolved 8/9/2013); John D. Cummins (re: Fore Site Lots, LLC - dissolved 8/9/2013); Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC's (re: South Sub Renovations LLC - dissolved 12/4/2022); Woodie Johnson (re: South Sub Renovations LLC - dissolved 12/4/2020); City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001595 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005475 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2010-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 439 WEST 60TH PLACE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-314-006-0000 Vol. 422 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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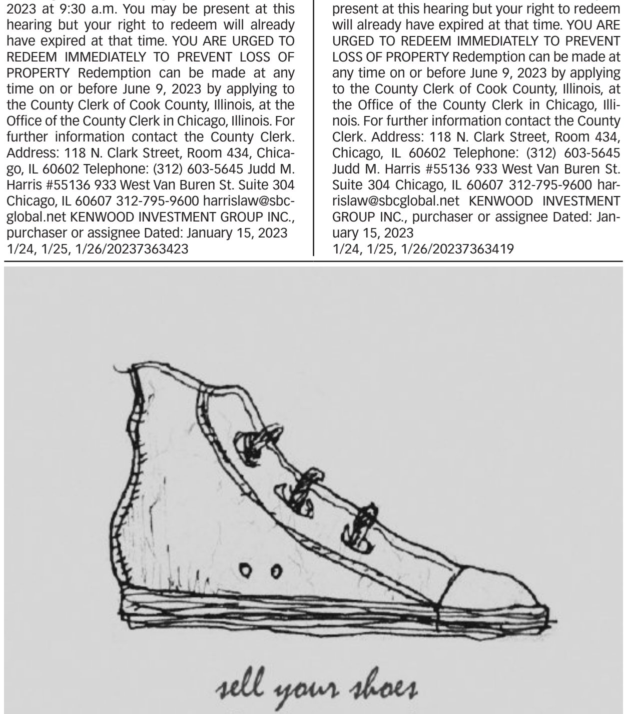

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TO: Hubertus Investment Group Corp. (dissolved 10/9/2015); Hubert Kozub (re: Hubertus Investment Group Corp., [dissolved 10/9/2015]); Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved Corporations (re: Hubertus Investment Group Corp. dissolved 10/9/2015); City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001589 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 22, 2022 Certificate Nos. 21S-0003857 & 21S-0003858 Sold for General Taxes of: Scavenger Sale (2009-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Properties located at: 6842 SOUTH LANGLEY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL AND 6844 SOUTH LANGLEY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index Nos. 20-22-411-041-0000 and 20-22-411-042-0000 Vol. 259 This notice is to advise you that the above properties have been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the properties from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of these properties if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net KENWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: Crystal Lynn Fielder 7314-16 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621 Crystal Lynn Fielder 3235 Mead Dr. Stockton, CA 95219 Crystal Lynn Fielder 17049 Oakwood Ave. Lansing, IL 60438 Crystal Lynn Fielder 7310 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621 Crystal Lynn Fielder 7320 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621 Crystal Lynn Fielder 2058 W. 83rd St. Chicago, IL 60620 Crystal Lynn Fielder 2800 Braden Ave. Apt 214 Modesto, CA 95356 Unknown Occupants 7314-16 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621 Leonard Nelson Sr. 3535 El Portal Dr. Apt H301 El Sobrante, CA 94803 Leonard Nelson Sr. 21565 Pumice Ln Wildomar, CA 92595 Leonard Nelson Sr. 8009 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60652 Olivia Nelson 8009 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60652 Olivia Nelson 10423 S 81st Ave Palos Hills, IL 60465 Unknown Occupants 7320 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60621 Gwendolyn F. Davis 2058 W. 83rd St. Chicago, IL 60620 Goldman and Grant #36689 205 W. Randolph St. - Ste. 1100 Chicago, IL 60606 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service 230 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604 United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution N.W. Washington, DC 20224 United States of America c/o Attorney General 219 S. Dearborn Chicago, IL 60603 United States of America c/o Attorney General 10th & Constitution N.W. Washington, DC 20530 State of Illinois Department of Revenue P.O. Box 19035 Springfield, IL 62794-9035 State of Illinois Department of Revenue 100 W. Randolph St. - 12th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 State of Illinois c/o Attorney General 100 W. Randolph St. – 7th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 Associates Finance, Inc. c/o CT Corporation System 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 814 Chicago, IL 60604 Associates Finance, Inc. c/o T R Slone 250 Carpenter Frwy Irving, TX 75062 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001602 FILED: December 13, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 24, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0006205 and 21S-0006206 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2006-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7314-16 S Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-29-223-028-0000 and 20-29-223-029-0000, Volume 435 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 7, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 7, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on July 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 7, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 Dennis White Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 13, 2022
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TO: Community Outreach Volunteers, NFP, c/o Tonny Lumu; Illinois Secretary of State (re: Community Outreach Volunteers, NFP); Community Outreach Volunteers, NFP, c/o Tonny Lumu; Tina Marie Taylor; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney General - U.S. Department of Justice; United States of America, c/o U.S. Attorney; City of Chicago; HSBC Finance Corporation (successor to Household Finance Corporation III), c/o CT Corporation System; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001593 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 25, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0006561 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2007-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 11402 S. CHURCH STREET, CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-19-224-043-0000 Vol. 464 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net Brittany N. Dochee, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: James Broder; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2022 COTD 001592 FILED: December 9, 2022 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: February 25, 2022 Certificate Nos. 21S-0006562 & 21S-0006563 Sold for General Taxes of: 2021 Scavenger Sale (2006-2018) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Properties located at: 11605 S. CHURCH ST, CHICAGO, IL and 11607 S. CHURCH ST., CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index Nos. 25-19-405-002-0000 and 25-19-405-003-0000 Vol. 464 This notice is to advise you that the above properties have been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 9, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the properties from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of these properties if redemption is not made on or before June 9, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 9, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net Verity Investments LLC Series 3, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 15, 2023
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TO: Fifth Third Bank, John S. Mykleby R.A. Dorado Group, LLC, Raymond H. Groble III R.A. Collateral Trustee, Inc., Anthony R. Tablia R.A. R.W. Collins Co., John Powen R.A. JTA Development, Inc., John Powen JTA Development, Inc. President, Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001439 FILED 11/3/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001148 Sold for General Taxes of: 2013-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12357 S Ashland Avenue, Calumet Park, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-300-003-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2023
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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company Successor Trustee to Old National Bank as successor Trustee to Bridgeview Bank & Trust as Trustee u/t/n 1-2542 dated May 7, 1997 c/o CT Corporation System, Cole Taylor 68267700, Command Prop, Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001438 FILED 11/3/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001149 and 21S-0001150 Sold for General Taxes of: 2002-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12301 S. Laflin Street, Calumet Park, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-301-011-0000 Vol. 036 25-29-301-012-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2023
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TO: Alan J. Kubicki, D&A Auto Sales, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001440 FILED 11/3/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001156 Sold for General Taxes of: 2006-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1300 W 127th Street, Calumet Park, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-326-067-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2023
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TO: David L. Anders R.A. Rembrandt Builders, LLC, Terry Sullivan, Rembrandt Builders, LLC Old National Bank Successor to First Midwest Bank, Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001444 FILED 11/3/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001164 Sold for General Taxes of: 2008-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12333 S Peoria Street, Calumet Park, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-406-017-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2023
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TO: .L.R. Incorporated c/o Illinois Secretary of State, A.R.L. Incorporated c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Diamond Mortgage Corporation of Illinois c/o Illinois Secretary of State, ARL Inc., Al J. Echols, Occupant, Unknown Owners and Interested Parties, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001442 FILED 11/3/2022 TAKE NOTICE County of: Cook Date Premises Sold: February 15, 2022 Certificate No.: 21S-0001168 Sold for General Taxes of: 2001-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) N/A and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 12341 S Green Street, Calumet Park, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-29-407-059-0000 Vol. 036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 15, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 15, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 15, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Room 434, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk: Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL Telephone: 312-603-5645 Village of Calumet Park Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 1/18/2023
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TO: Frank & Char Lombardo Heirs Charlotte Lombardo Salvatore Peter Lombardo Teresa Ann Lombardo Mary Nicole Sausville Joseph Lombardo Terry Lombardo Mary Sausville Charlotte Lombardo Property Manager / Rent Collector, 14100 Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Sam Lombardo Grace Essick Ann Gardner Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000038 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000676 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2006-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant parcel approximately 596.75 feet by 266.94 feet located approximately 561.88 feet east of the southeast corner of Harrison Avenue and 141st Street and further identified by the common address of 14100 Blaine Ave. in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-414-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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To: Taxpayer of 11640 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL. 60643-4843 Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Mid-City National Bank of Chicago under trust agreement dated 6/17/1988 and known as Trust No. 2105, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Mid-City National Bank of Chicago under trust agreement dated 6/17/1988 and known as Trust No. 2105 Occupant, 14213 Palmer Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 11640 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000039 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000677 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2001-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant parcel approximately 759.9 feet by 317 feet located approximately 200 feet to the north of Memorial Park located at Campbell Avenue and 143rd Street in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-01-416-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: Joseph Dienes Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Independent Trust Corporation, as Trustee under trust agreement dated 3/16/2987 and known as Trust No. 562, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor trustee to Independent Trust Corporation, as Trustee under trust agreement dated 3/16/2987 and known as Trust No. 562 Occupant, 14433 California Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Property Manager / Rent Collector, 14433-14435 S. California Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000043 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000944 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at the south half of the building commonly known as 14433 South California (also known as 14435 South California) in Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12-208-056-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: S & FA LLC SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series, RA : CT Corporation System SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series Select Commercial Assets, LLC Harrison Homes, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Select Commercial, Manager of SCA Illinois LLC, 14727-14752 Kedzie Series Property Manager, 14727-14735 Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Eight 23 Barbershop Occupant, 14735 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14733 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14731 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14729 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Occupant, 14727 S. Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Rent Collector, 14727-14735 Kedzie Ave., Posen, IL 60469 Sharks Fish and Chicken Hawk-I's BBQ Boost Mobile Harrison Homes, Inc., RA: David L Anders American Management Group, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Harrison Homes, Inc., Scott Vandenberg, President American Management Group, Inc., RA & President: Nazih Nour Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000041 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 15, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0000946, 21S-0000947, 21S-0000948, 21S-0000949, 21S-0000950 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14727-14735 Kedzie Avenue, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12-300-016-0000, 28-12-300-017-0000, 28-12-300-018-0000, 28-12-300-019-0000 and 28-12-300-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: Callahan Partners LLC, RA: Gerald T. Callahan Callahan Partners, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State Occupant, 14150 Western Ave., Posen, IL. 60469 Chicago Title Land Trust Company a/t/u Trust #6853 dated September 5, 1946, RA: CT Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company a/t/u Trust #6853 dated September 5, 1946, John A. Wunderlich, President Callahan Partners LLC, Margaret K. Callahan, Manager Occupant, 2100 W. 142nd St., Dixmoor, IL 60469 Callahan & Associates Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000042 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 17, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0001971, 21S-0001972, 21S-0001973, 21S-0001974, 21S-0001975, 21S-0001976, 21S-0001977 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2100-2104 W. 142nd Street and 14148-14132 Dixie Highway, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-06-304-013-0000, 29-06-304-014-0000, 29-06-304-015-0000, 29-06-304-016-0000, 29-06-304-017-0000, 29-06-304-018-0000, 29-06-304-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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TO: MG Plus Construction Luis M. Gonzalez and Oscar M. Gonzalez, as co-trustees of the Zimny Real Estate Trust, under original trust agreement dated 3/29/2013 Miguel Gonzalez, president of MG-Plus Construction, Inc. MG-Plus Construction, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State MG-Plus Construction, Inc., RA: Miguel Gonzalez Property Manager / Rent Collector, 2342-2344 147th St., Posen, IL 60469 Unknown Owners, Occupants and Parties Interested Generally in the Real Estate, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000040 FILED January 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 17, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0002020 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2011-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number…N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at a vacant triangular parcel located east and adjacent to the parcel commonly known as 2407 Walter Zimny Drive, Posen, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-07-111-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 16, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on June 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 16, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook, County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Village of Posen Purchaser or Assignee. Dated January 19, 2023. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington Street, Suite 2113 Chicago, Illinois 60606
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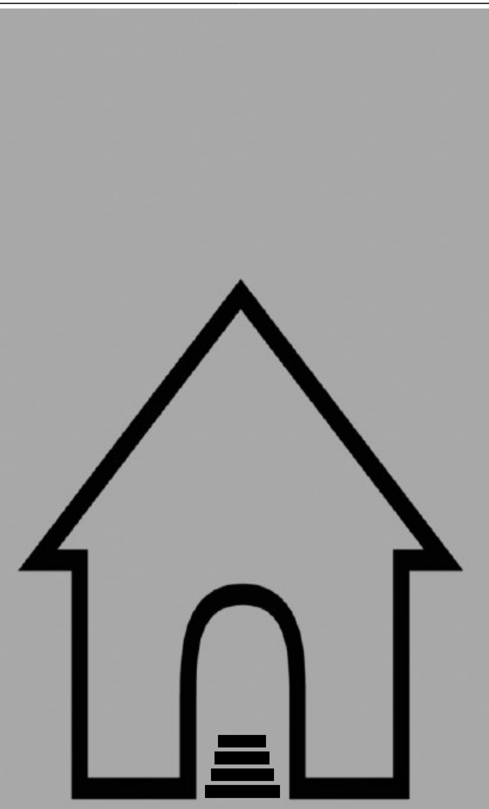

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ABC7 Outlook: Cloudy with scattered snow showers. A dusting to 1 inch of accumulation possible.

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	Day Night	Day Night	Day Night	Day Night	Day Night	Day Night
High	33	36	30	29	23	25
Low	19	19	27	16	11	16
	A little snow at times	Cloudy with snow showers; breezy	A little snow at times in the afternoon	Occasional snow and flurries, mainly early	An a.m. flurry; otherwise, cloudy and cold	Cold with periods of snow
POP	90%	85%	70%	60%	40%	65%
Winds	NW 7-14 mph	SW 12-25 mph	ENE 7-14 mph	NNE 12-25 mph	NNW 8-16 mph	ESE 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Thursday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	22	22	22	26	24	22	22

Thursday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Wednesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	34
Low	31
Normal high	31
Normal low	18
Record high	67 (1950)
Record low	-20 (1897)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Wednesday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	34	29	30	14
Gary	35	32	33	19
Kankakee	35	31	32	16
Lansing	33	31	32	17
Midway	35	31	33	19
Romeoville	35	30	32	15
Valparaiso	35	30	34	18
Waukegan	35	32	30	15

Wednesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Wednesday*	0.30"	0.00"	0.06"
Month to date	2.31"	0.77"	1.65"
Year to date	2.31"	0.77"	1.65"
Snowfall			
Wednesday*	3.5"	0.0"	0.4"
Month to date	5.4"	10.6"	8.9"
Season to date	9.7"	12.5"	18.5"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Wednesday

Air Quality Index

Wednesday's reading

Moderate

Thursday's forecast

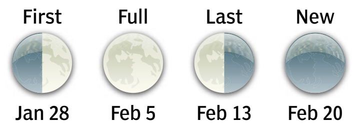
Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Thu.	Fri.
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	4:58 p.m.	4:59 p.m.
Moonrise	10:08 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Moonset	11:03 p.m.	none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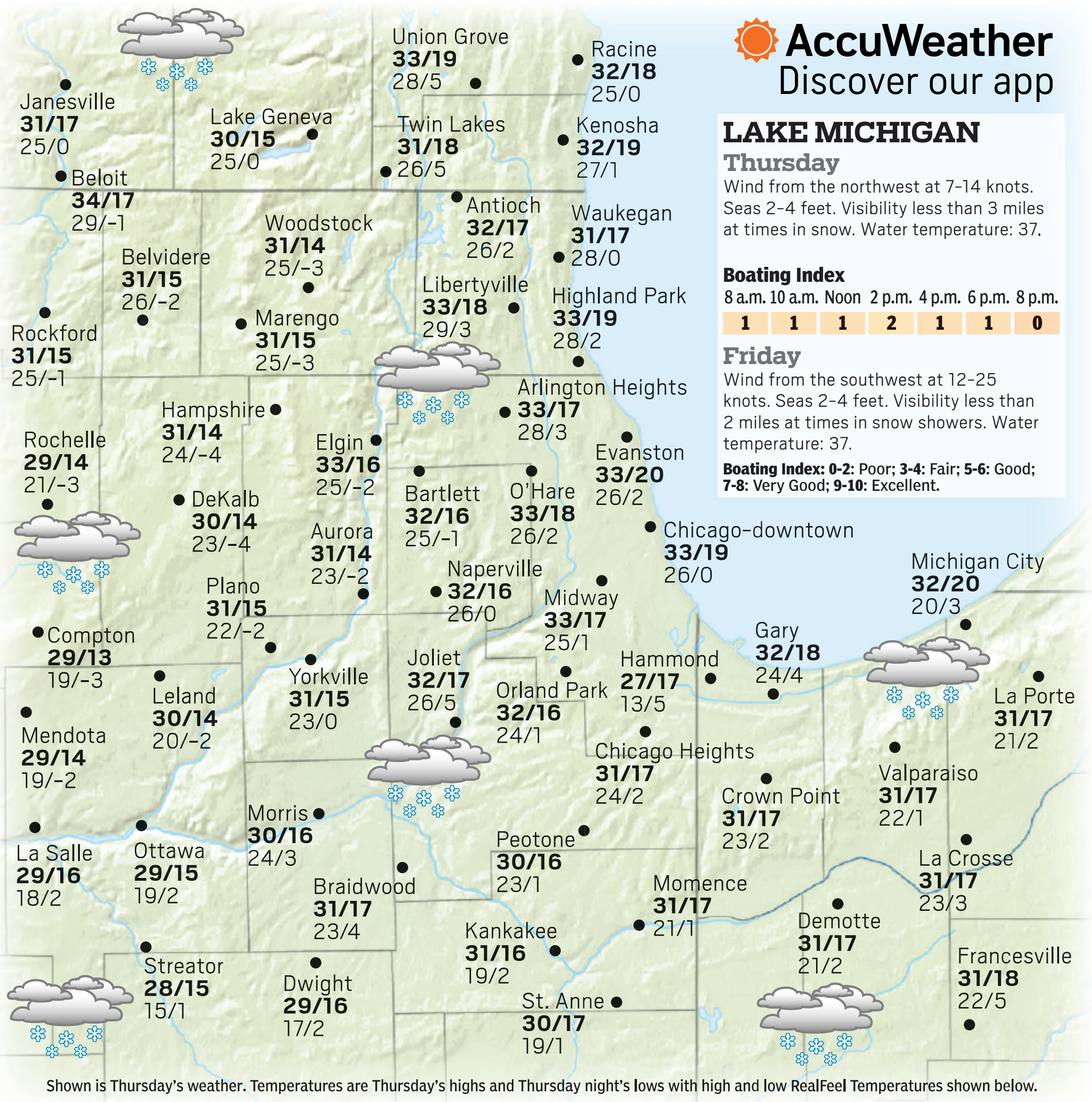
Feb 20

Thursday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:37 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Venus	8:21 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Mars	12:18 p.m.	3:39 a.m.
Jupiter	9:41 a.m.	9:54 p.m.
Saturn	8:08 a.m.	6:30 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:40 a.m.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Racine 32/18 25/0
Janesville 31/17 25/0
Lake Geneva 30/15 25/0
Twin Lakes 31/18 26/5
Kenosha 32/19 27/1
Beloit 34/17 29/-1
Antioch 32/17 26/2
Waukegan 31/17 28/0
Woodstock 31/14 25/-3
Belvidere 31/15 26/-2
Libertyville 33/18 29/3
Highland Park 33/19 28/2
Rockford 31/15 25/-1
Marengo 31/15 25/-3
Arlington Heights 33/17 28/3
Hampshire 31/14 24/-4
Rochelle 29/14 21/-3
Elgin 33/16 25/-2
Evanston 33/20 26/2
Bartlett 32/16 25/-1
O'Hare 33/18 26/2
DeKalb 30/14 23/-4
Aurora 31/14 23/-2
Chicago-downtown 33/19 26/0
Naperville 32/16 26/0
Michigan City 32/20 20/3
Plano 31/15 22/-2
Midway 33/17 25/1
Compton 29/13 19/-3
Gary 32/18 24/4
Leland 30/14 20/-2
Yorkville 31/15 23/0
Joliet 32/17 26/5
Hammond 27/17 13/5
Orland Park 32/16 24/1
La Porte 31/17 21/2
Mendota 29/14 19/-2
Chicago Heights 31/17 24/2
Valparaiso 31/17 22/1
Crown Point 31/17 23/2
Morris 30/16 24/3
La Salle 29/16 18/2
Ottawa 29/15 19/2
Peotone 30/16 23/1
La Crosse 31/17 23/3
Braidwood 31/17 23/4
Momence 31/17 21/1
Kankakee 31/16 19/2
Demotte 31/17 21/2
Streator 28/15 15/1
Dwight 29/16 17/2
Francesville 31/18 22/5
St. Anne 30/17 19/1
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LAKE MICHIGAN

Thursday

Wind from the northwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility less than 3 miles at times in snow. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
1	1	1	2	1	1	0

Friday

Wind from the southwest at 12-25 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility less than 2 miles at times in snow showers. Water temperature: 37.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

ASK abc 7

QUESTION: In Chicago, on average, what is the coldest day of the year?

Frank - Oak Park

Larry Mowry

ANSWER: There is not a single day which is considered our coldest. But when you look at the climatological records, Jan. 21 through Jan. 24 are the coldest days of the year by looking at the average temperature. In fact, our average high and low are now on the upswing. Today (Jan. 26), our average high is 31.3 degrees. That's up from 31.2 yesterday. By the end of the month, the average high goes to 31.8.

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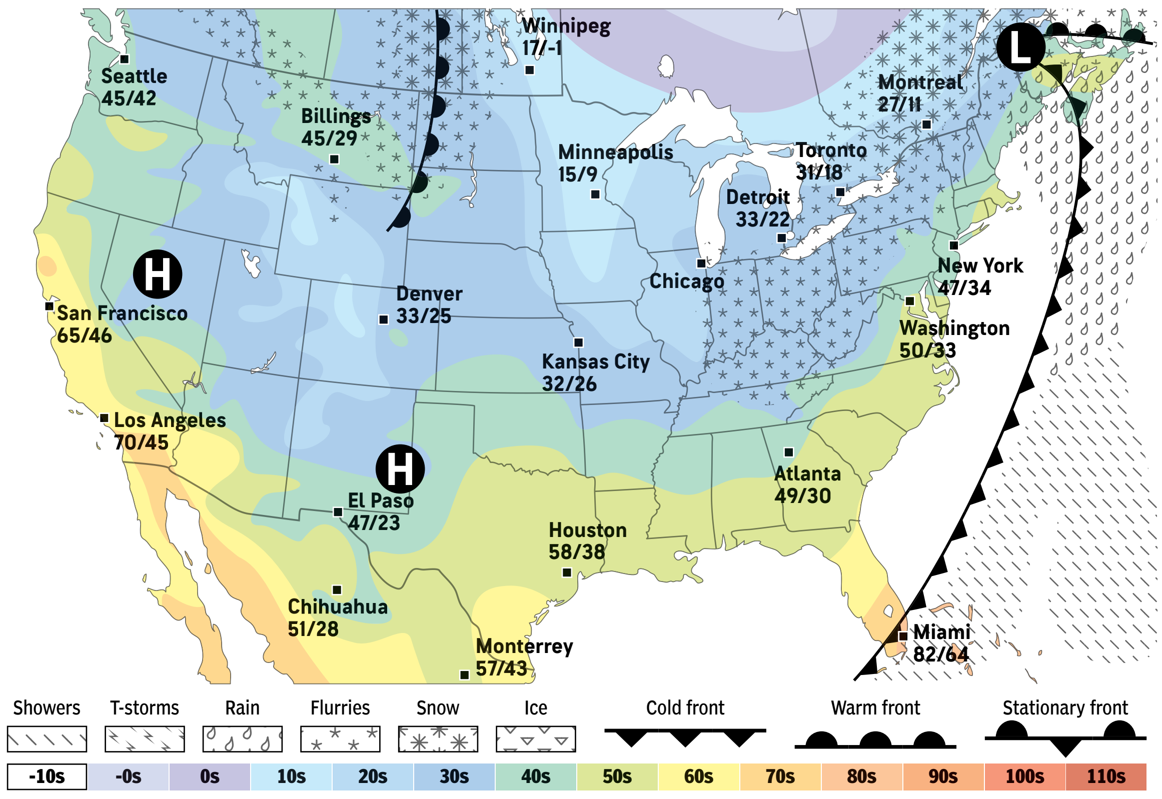
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.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Seattle 45/42
Billings 45/29
Montreal 27/11
Minneapolis 15/9
Toronto 31/18
Detroit 33/22
Chicago
New York 47/34
San Francisco 65/46
Denver 33/25
Washington 50/33
Kansas City 32/26
Los Angeles 70/45
Atlanta 49/30
El Paso 47/23
Houston 58/38
Chihuahua 51/28
Monterrey 57/43
Miami 82/64
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Warm front
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10s
20s
30s
40s
50s
60s
70s
80s
90s
100s
110s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	30/16/sf	45/27/c
Champaign	27/16/sn	36/25/sf
Decatur	26/17/sf	38/27/c
Moline	25/14/sf	38/20/sf
Peoria	24/16/c	39/23/sf
Quincy	25/18/c	41/28/c
Rockford	31/15/sn	33/17/sn
Springfield	26/21/c	40/26/c
Sterling	29/14/sn	37/22/sf
Indiana		
Bloomington	31/17/sf	42/29/c
Evansville	32/22/sf	47/32/c
Fort Wayne	32/17/sf	33/24/sf
Indianapolis	31/17/sf	37/28/sf
Lafayette	31/16/sn	36/25/sf
South Bend	33/17/sf	35/23/sf
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	27/14/sn	29/6/sn
Kenosha	32/19/sn	35/16/sn
La Crosse	27/12/sn	33/8/sn
Madison	29/14/sn	33/13/sn
Milwaukee	32/18/sn	37/17/sn
Wausau	24/9/c	28/1/sn
Michigan		
Detroit	33/22/sf	34/28/sf
Grand Rapids	32/21/sf	34/22/sn
Marquette	20/7/c	22/5/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	21/6/pc	29/13/sn
Traverse City	32/20/c	33/17/sn
Iowa		
Ames	17/10/c	37/16/sn
Cedar Rapids	20/12/c	33/17/sf
Des Moines	18/15/c	36/19/sf
Dubuque	24/11/c	32/13/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	52/32/s	57/43/pc
Albany, NY	40/24/sn	33/26/c
Albuquerque	37/18/s	42/21/s
Amarillo	43/18/s	49/29/s
Anchorage	43/24/pc	30/22/s
Asheville	44/25/pc	44/27/s
Aspen	21/10/c	27/13/sn
Atlanta	49/30/pc	48/33/s
Atlantic City	49/36/pc	42/35/s
Austin	58/33/s	60/46/pc
Baltimore	49/32/pc	45/30/s
Billings	45/29/c	34/10/sn
Birmingham	48/28/c	51/32/pc
Bismarck	36/19/sn	24/-4/sf
Boise	42/31/c	41/30/c
Boston	52/31/r	37/31/s
Brownsville	66/55/s	66/61/c
Buffalo	33/26/sf	34/31/pc
Burlington, VT	36/21/sn	29/22/pc
Charleston, SC	59/37/pc	55/31/s
Charleston, WV	39/27/sf	40/34/sf
Charlotte	53/28/pc	49/29/s
Chattanooga	46/29/sf	49/32/c
Cheyenne	32/25/c	36/17/c
Cincinnati	34/23/sf	40/34/c
Cleveland	34/24/sf	33/30/sf
Colorado Spgs	39/23/s	46/23/pc
Columbia, MO	30/25/c	48/30/c
Columbia, SC	55/32/s	51/30/s
Columbus, OH	36/24/sf	36/34/sf
Concord	43/15/sn	33/10/s
Corpus Christi	61/47/s	66/60/c
Dallas	55/33/s	63/43/s
Daytona Beach	67/42/pc	61/42/s
Denver	33/25/c	37/21/c
Duluth	14/8/pc	21/-8/sn
El Paso	47/23/pc	51/28/c
Fairbanks	13/-3/sn	12/-1/pc
Fargo	23/12/sn	17/-12/sn
Flagstaff	28/3/s	41/14/s
Fort Myers	72/52/c	70/53/s
Fort Smith	41/26/pc	56/36/s
Fresno	63/38/pc	61/39/pc
Grand Junction	33/18/pc	33/21/pc
Great Falls	43/31/c	36/3/sn
Harrisburg	46/32/c	42/30/pc
Hartford	48/28/c	39/28/pc
Helena, MT	42/34/c	36/12/sn
Honolulu	79/65/pc	79/68/r
Houston	58/38/s	61/52/pc
Int'l Falls	13/9/c	18/-17/sn
Jackson, MS	51/30/pc	57/34/s
Jacksonville	61/37/c	58/32/s
Juneau	44/34/r	40/28/pc
Kansas City	32/26/c	49/33/pc
Las Vegas	56/35/s	56/35/s
Lexington	34/24/sf	43/33/c
Lincoln	31/28/pc	46/25/c
Little Rock	44/33/s	57/36/s
Los Angeles	70/45/s	68/46/s
Louisville	35/25/sf	45/37/c
Macon	56/31/pc	53/29/s
Memphis	40/31/c	54/40/s
Miami	82/64/c	73/65/c
Minneapolis	15/9/c	31/4/sn
Mobile	57/32/pc	53/35/pc
Montgomery	54/30/pc	53/31/s
Nashville	39/27/sf	52/35/c
New Orleans	57/41/pc	58/42/pc
New York City	47/34/c	41/34/pc
Norfolk	54/34/pc	48/33/pc
Oklahoma City	46/29/s	52/38/s
Omaha	28/25/pc	40/24/pc
Orlando	68/44/pc	66/44/s
Palm Beach	77/62/c	73/65/c
Palm Springs	68/44/s	69/44/s
Philadelphia	48/33/c	43/32/s
Phoenix	63/37/s	62/37/s
Pittsburgh	35/25/sf	32/30/sf
Portland, ME	44/22/r	33/19/s
Portland, OR	49/43/pc	49/41/sh
Providence	52/30/r	40/30/pc
Raleigh	54/30/pc	48/28/s
Rapid City	42/28/c	40/12/sf
Reno	45/21/pc	52/28/s
Richmond	52/30/pc	48/31/pc
Rochester	35/25/sf	33/30/pc
Sacramento	62/36/s	59/38/s
St. Louis	30/22/c	46/32/c
Salem, OR	47/38/pc	49/39/sh
Salt Lake City	37/29/c	39/30/c
San Antonio	59/37/s	56/48/pc
San Diego	69/43/s	66/48/s
San Francisco	65/46/s	60/46/pc
San Juan	84/71/s	82/70/sh
Santa Fe	32/10/s	38/17/s
Savannah	59/36/pc	54/32/s
Seattle	45/42/pc	47/41/sh
Shreveport	53/32/s	60/41/s
Sioux Falls	27/19/pc	30/5/sn
Spokane	36/31/c	37/26/sn
Syracuse	40/26/sn	32/27/c
Tallahassee	58/35/pc	56/32/pc
Tampa	63/47/pc	64/46/s
Topeka	33/28/pc	50/32/pc
Tucson	58/33/s	62/37/s
Tulsa	45/32/pc	56/42/s
Washington, DC	50/33/pc	46/33/pc
Wichita	40/27/pc	52/33/s
Wilkes-Barre	40/29/sn	36/34/pc
Yuma	66/40/s	68/41/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	86/68/s	86/69/s
Algiers	52/39/r	52/40/r
Amsterdam	46/35/pc	41/28/pc
Ankara	45/27/pc	49/34/c
Athens	58/46/r	56/45/r
Auckland	77/67/pc	75/68/r
Baghdad	64/41/s	63/43/s
Bangkok	88/71/pc	91/69/pc
Barbados	83/73/s	83/72/s
Barcelona	52/35/pc	50/38/pc
Beijing	37/12/pc	35/15/pc
Beirut	67/55/s	72/61/pc
Berlin	33/31/c	38/27/sf
Bermuda	72/67/c	72/63/r
Bogota	69/44/pc	69/43/pc
Brussels	41/35/c	40/32/pc
Bucharest	36/33/pc	36/32/sn
Budapest	39/25/c	39/30/c
Bueno Aires	90/76/t	83/72/t
Cairo	72/56/s	82/60/s
Cancun	80/71/sh	78/73/r
Caracas	87/73/s	86/70/pc
Casablanca	61/42/s	58/42/sh
Copenhagen	41/28/s	35/27/pc
Dublin	46/33/pc	43/37/c
Edmonton	41/21/pc	26/-4/sn
Frankfurt	35/32/c	40/33/sf
Geneva	40/31/c	38/30/c
Guadalajara	80/42/s	79/44/s
Havana	84/66/sh	79/65/c
Helsinki	37/19/c	28/20/pc
Hong Kong	68/57/c	63/47/pc
Istanbul	52/49/c	53/46/r
Jerusalem	61/45/s	66/52/s
Johannesburg	81/58/pc	80/59/c
Kabul	33/10/s	36/18/s
Kingston	88/75/pc	88/75/pc
Kyiv	30/26/c	32/26/c
Lima	78/68/pc	77/68/c
Lisbon	54/41/s	56/39/s
London	46/36/pc	44/32/c
Madrid	48/30/c	49/28/s
Manila	87/77/pc	86/76/c
Mexico City	74/42/s	75/44/s
Monterrey	57/43/pc	53/46/r
Montreal	27/11/sn	19/10/s
Moscow	32/25/c	32/16/sn
Munich	32/28/c	33/26/c
Nairobi	85/59/c	81/59/pc
Nassau	84/70/s	80/71/r
New Delhi	71/48/pc	69/47/pc
Oslo	38/19/pc	26/20/pc
Ottawa	25/3/sn	17/11/s
Panama City	89/73/sh	91/72/pc
Paris	41/37/c	40/34/pc
Prague	33/28/c	32/26/sf
Rio de Janeiro	85/71/pc	84/74/s
Riyadh	62/50/c	60/42/pc
Rome	55/37/c	53/38/pc
Santiago	84/53/s	89/57/s
Seoul	34/12/sf	25/7/s
Singapore	83/76/sh	86/76/c
Sofia	35/31/sn	36/29/sn
Stockholm	38/23/s	30/25/pc
Sydney	86/73/s	79/73/r
Taipei	66/54/s	56/44/c
Tehran	42/32/pc	43/31/pc
Tokyo	45/37/pc	44/35/r
Toronto	31/18/sf	30/27/sf
Trinidad	84/73/sh	84/72/s
Vancouver	44/40/r	46/37/pc
Vienna	37/30/c	35/28/c
Warsaw	35/28/c	35/30/c
Winnipeg	17/-1/sn	4/-22/pc

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BUSINESS

Carvana admits violating law

Used-car dealer reaches settlement with state regulators for failure to promptly transfer titles

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Used-car retailer Carvana admitted to violating state law by failing to transfer car titles in a timely manner and has reached a settlement agreement with the state, officials said Tuesday.

The agreement calls for Carvana to abide by Illinois law going forward, surrender a $250,000 bond and allow inspections by secretary of state police to ensure compliance, according to a news release from Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias. Under the agreement, the state can suspend or revoke Carvana's license again if the company is found out of compliance with either the settlement agreement or with state law.

Illinois first suspended Carvana's license in May 2022 after launching an investigation into the company's practices in February, prompted by customer reports that the company was issuing out-of-state temporary registration permits and failing to transfer titles in a timely manner, the secretary of state's office said. Before the settlement agreement, Carvana could only sell cars under the terms of a temporary restraining order set by a DuPage County judge.

Carvana sells cars from a "vending machine" in Oak Brook that opened in 2019. The company did not provide information Tuesday about a proposed location in Skokie that was stalled last summer, saying only it was in "direct contact" with the village.

The Tempe, Ariz.-based company has suffered financially, laying off about 1,500 employees in November as it posted a quarterly net loss of $508 million, more than seven times its net loss over the same period the year prior, according to SEC filings. In a letter to shareholders the same month, the company said it was attempting to "rapidly decrease expenses."

Carvana sells cars from a "vending machine" in Oak Brook that opened in 2019. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The $250,000 bond Carvana is being required to surrender will go to compensate people who were fined for late registrations or otherwise lost money through buying a car with Carvana, Henry Haupt, spokesperson for the secretary of state, said in an email. Those who were fined are encouraged to call the secretary of state's office at 630-693-0551.

In a news release, Giannoulias said Carvana's practice of putting unregistered license plates on their cars had put drivers at risk of being ticketed for driving without proper title and registration. He said customers who have issues with their title and registration can call the office to file a complaint and get a title transferred.

"The admission by Carvana demonstrates what we knew all along: that Carvana was violating the law in a manner that was harmful to Illinois consumers," Giannoulias said in a statement.

In a statement, Carvana head of corporate affairs Alan Hoffman said the agreement would allow Carvana "to move forward in our journey to becoming the largest automotive retailer."

"We look forward to working with Secretary Giannoulias to ensure customers continue having access to the best car buying and selling experience possible," Hoffman said.

Illinois was the first state to suspend Carvana's license, Haupt said. Michigan also recently settled with the company, he said.

The Dolton-based food pantry Free N Deed Market opened in September 2021, and served more than 10,000 last year. **FREE N DEED MARKET**

As pandemic benefits end, food pantries await surge

Francine Knowles

Those combating food insecurity in Illinois expect to see more people seeking help at food pantries in the coming weeks as temporary federally funded emergency food benefits, put in place at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, come to an end.

One million families and two million individuals in Illinois will see their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, formerly called food stamps, reduced anywhere from $95 to $250 per household per month starting in March, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services. It administers the SNAP program, which serves almost 70,000 households in the south suburbs.

Amid continuing high inflation, the timing of the emergency benefit cuts is terrible, food pantry operators say.

The additional SNAP emergency allotments, which the federal government started to issue in April 2020 to supplement existing benefits, were intended to help low-income families and individuals avoid food insecurity on top of the challenges faced due to the pandemic, said Greater Chicago Food Depository spokesperson Man-Yee Lee.

But due to policy changes in the federal omnibus bill passed at the end of 2022, the extra support families have received will end two months early, Lee said.

"At a time when food prices remain elevated, we are really worried this reduction will take SNAP participants by surprise and will really impact their ability to put food on the table," she said.

"To revoke this benefit prematurely when millions of Americans are already struggling to stay afloat will increase food insecurity. It will also stress a charitable food system that has already been responding to a multiyear hunger crisis."

Food insecurity estimates remain well above pre-pandemic levels with one in five households in the Chicago metropolitan area finding it hard to make ends meet, Lee said. The depository, through its network of 700 partners, distributed the equivalent of more than 77 million meals or nearly 92.5 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2022, which represented an increase of more than 30% compared to pre-pandemic levels in fiscal year 2019, she said.

Food at home prices, which rose throughout 2022, were up 7.7% in December from a year earlier, according to the Labor Department. Across the board, prices increased 5.5% from December 2021.

Nicole Scott, president and founder of Dolton-based food pantry Free N Deed Market, is worried. The pantry, which opened in September 2021, served more than 5,500 individuals in 2021 and more than 10,000 last year, she said.

"This is going to have a huge impact on food insecure families," she said. "There will be more people who will need to be serviced. I don't even know if we have the capacity to meet the demand."

In anticipation of increased need, the pantry is looking at extending its hours or days of operations, she said.

"A lot of people were depending on those extra SNAP benefits for really getting by," said the Rev. Edward Anderson, a minister at Living Grace Church in Lynwood, which operates a food pantry. "People are going to really have to depend on some of the resources from the pantry to kind of help offset the benefits that are going away. It's going to be another level of really finding out where they can get what."

The pantry served 6,453 people in 2022, up from 5,400 in 2021, Anderson said. The pantry's clients are primarily seniors on fixed incomes. Anderson expects those seniors to start bringing in other friends and families in need. To gear up for the increased demand, the church is focusing on recruiting more volunteers.

"If we have more people needing help, we will need more people to assist when folks come in," he said.

The Illinois Department of Human Services is working to educate benefit recipients about the elimination of the SNAP emergency benefits via mail, text and the media and through its community-based partners.

"We want folks to prepare to the best of their abilities for this anticipated drop in SNAP benefits," Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Grace Hou said. "We are working closely with food banks across the state and their food pantries to make sure they have resources to meet the potential additional need."

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Abbott's sales fall in fourth quarter

By Lisa Schencker
Chicago Tribune

Abbott Laboratories saw its sales rise in 2022, but had a rougher fourth quarter as people bought fewer COVID-19 tests and the company grappled with continued fallout from a recall of its powdered infant formulas.

Abbott, which is based in the north suburbs and makes medical devices, tests and formula, had sales of $43.7 billion in 2022, up 6.4%, on an organic basis, compared with the previous year, the company said in an earnings report released Wednesday morning.

For the fourth quarter, however, sales were $10.1 billion, down 6.1%, on an organic basis, from the fourth quarter of the prior year, following a decrease in the number of COVID-19 tests sold. Abbott makes the popular BinaxNOW at-home COVID-19 test, as well as several others. Abbott has sold nearly 3 billion COVID-19 tests worldwide since the pandemic began, said Robert Ford, Abbott chair and CEO, in an earnings call Wednesday.

Abbott said the decline in COVID-19 test sales was not unexpected.

"Going forward we expect COVID-19 to transition to more of an endemic, seasonal type of respiratory virus and, with that, COVID testing, while still important, is expected to decline significantly," Ford said.

Sales of Abbott's nutritional products also fell by about 6% in 2022 and the fourth quarter, following a pause in the manufacturing of infant formula at the company's Sturgis, Michigan, plant last year. Abbott temporarily closed the facility last year and recalled formulas produced there, as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that it was investigating complaints of Cronobacter sakazakii infections among babies who reportedly consumed formula from the plant.

Abbott has faced scathing criticism from members of Congress, consumer advocates and others for conditions found at the plant, though the FDA has said that "despite extensive investigation the evidence does not rule in or rule out a definitive link between these infant deaths and the product produced at Abbott Nutrition's Sturgis plant."

Abbott leaders have apologized for the company's role in what became a national shortage of infant formula.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that the Justice Department is conducting a criminal investigation into conduct at the plant.

Bill from Manchin would delay tax credits for EVs

Change to key piece of Biden's climate law not likely to gain traction in Senate

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ratcheting up his criticism of the Biden administration, Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin on Wednesday moved to delay new tax credits for electric vehicles, a key feature of President Joe Biden's landmark climate law.

Manchin said guidelines issued by the Treasury Department allow manufacturers in Europe and other countries to bypass requirements that significant portions of EV batteries be produced in North America.

The climate law, officially known as the Inflation Reduction Act, "is first and foremost an energy security bill," Manchin said, adding that "the EV tax credits were designed to grow domestic manufacturing and reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains for the critical minerals needed to produce EV batteries."

The White House declined to comment Wednesday on Manchin's bill, but the measure by the West Virginia lawmaker is unlikely to gain traction in the narrowly divided Senate, where Democrats hold a slim majority. During the midterm election campaign, Republicans criticized Biden and other Democrats for supporting electric vehicles, citing their relative high costs and batteries that are currently made in China.

Tax credits of up to $7,500 per vehicle are intended to spur EV sales and domestic production of vehicles and batteries while reducing planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

While some European and Asian allies applaud Biden's efforts to curb climate change, they have also criticized the rules as unfair to foreign manufacturers.

Biden acknowledged "glitches" in the legislation but said "there's tweaks we can make" to satisfy allies.

Manchin's bill follows a decision by the Treasury Department to delay rules on battery contents and minerals until March, while allowing the rest of the program to be implemented on Jan. 1. The Manchin bill directs the Treasury to stop issuing tax credits for vehicles that don't comply with battery requirements.

EV sales have tripled since Biden, a Democrat, took office two years ago, the Energy Department said, and there are now more than 2 million EVs and 100,000 chargers on U.S. roadways. The climate law, along with the 2021 infrastructure law and other changes, "are mobilizing public and private sector investments to reinvigorate domestic manufacturing, expand electric vehicle charging and lower transportation costs for American consumers," the department said in a statement.

Manchin, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, was a crucial vote in passing the climate law, which was adopted without support from any Republican. He has said exemptions approved by the Treasury — including one that allows tax credits for EVs purchased for commercial use, such as leasing or ride-sharing, even if they are foreign-made — undermine the law's intent to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign adversaries and create jobs in the United States.

Deb Figulski participates in a Jan. 19 spin class at Fuel Training Studio in Newburyport, Mass. MARY SCHWALM/AP

Gyms get back in shape

Fitness industry, hammered hard during pandemic, now shows strong signs of revival

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One day in January, a once-regular customer at Fuel Training Studio in Newburyport, Massachusetts, stopped in to take a "shred" class. She hadn't set foot in the gym since before the pandemic.

The customer told owners Julie Bokat and Jeanne Carter that she had been working out at home alone in her basement but had slowly become less motivated and sometimes exercised in pajamas without breaking a sweat.

"I was getting bored of what I was doing, so here I am," Bokat quoted her as saying. She's heard similar comments from customers who've returned after more than two years of working out in a basement or a converted home office.

During the "dark days" of the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, Bokat and Carter held classes in parking lots and a greenhouse they built for the winter. They also held classes online, but attendance still plummeted by 70%. They weren't certain the business would survive.

They weren't alone. Gyms and fitness studios were among the businesses hit hardest during the pandemic, hammered by lockdowns and then limits on the number of people allowed in for classes and workouts. There was no industry-specific federal aid given to health clubs. Twenty-five percent of U.S. health clubs and studios have closed permanently since the pandemic began, according to the National Health & Fitness Alliance, an industry group.

For gyms that made it through the worst, signs of stability are afoot. Foot traffic in fitness studios is still down about 3% from 2019 in January, but up 40% compared with 2021, according to data from Placer.ai, which tracks retail foot traffic.

At Fuel Training, the greenhouse and the parking lot classes are gone. Attendance is still down 35% from 2019, but Bokat and Carter say more people are coming in every day. The gym-goers say they miss the sense of community a gym can provide.

"I feel pretty positive that man, if we sustained our community during like the darkest of days, it can only go up from there, and it has," Bokat said.

Many gyms and fitness studios had to diversify their offerings in order to attract customers during the pandemic — and some say those changes worked so well, they're permanent.

Guy Codio, who owns the NYC Personal Training Gym in New York, went from nine to four trainers during the pandemic and had to pivot to online training sessions. In 2021, he moved to a space with lower rent and started renting out space to others in the health and wellness industry, including physical therapists and massage therapists.

"Everybody was worried during COVID, so we just need to downgrade a little bit," he said. "We had to change the model in order for us to succeed — almost take a step back, to take another step forward."

Now, he's back to six trainers, but plans to keep renting space as a hedge in case of another downturn.

Codio limits people on the floor to 10 or 12 so customers feel more comfortable COVID-wise. But most customers are "over COVID" and not as worried about getting sick, he says.

"If a person is feeling worried there are measures we take, we do have masks or we have them in during different hours when there's less amount of people," he said.

Amazon workers in UK hold their first strike

By Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

LONDON — Amazon warehouse workers went on strike for the first time in Britain on Wednesday because of a dispute over pay and working conditions, adding to a wave of industrial labor action across the country fueled by the soaring cost of living.

Union members voted to walk off the job for one day at the e-commerce giant's fulfillment center in Coventry, a city about 100 miles northwest of London near Birmingham.

Amanda Gearing, a senior organizer with the GMB union, said Amazon staff who worked through tough conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic are just "trying to get decent pay." Another big issue is performance targets set by an algorithm that piles extra pressure on workers, she said.

The union is fighting for a bigger pay raise than the company's offer, which it says amounts to about an extra 60 cents an hour.

Amazon, which operates 30 fulfillment centers in the United Kingdom, said 2,000 workers are employed at the Coventry facility. The union says 98% of those who took part in the vote decided to strike, and Amazon said that amounts to only 178 workers.

The company said it's offering "competitive pay" starting at about $13 to $14.20 an hour, depending on location. Amazon says that is a 29% increase in the minimum hourly wage for employees since 2018.

Business at Seattle-based Amazon boomed during the pandemic but, like other tech companies, it has been reversing recent expansions as it faces economic uncertainty. This month, it announced 18,000 layoffs.

Amazon staff are the latest group of British workers to join the picket lines as high food and energy prices drive the highest inflation in decades. Nurses, ambulance workers, train drivers, border staff, driving instructors, bus drivers, teachers and postal workers have all walked off their jobs in recent months to demand higher pay amid the cost-of-living crisis.

Amazon has also faced walkouts from workers in Spain and Germany who want higher wages and better working conditions.

16.3 million sign-ups set a record for ACA plans

By Amanda Seitz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A record 16.3 million people sought health insurance through the Affordable Care Act this year, double the number covered when the marketplaces first launched nearly a decade ago, the Biden administration announced Wednesday.

More than 3 million new members joined the marketplace, also known as "Obamacare," according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The government worked with nonprofit groups and invested in program specialists who helped to sign people up in low-income, immigrant, Black and Latino communities to enroll more people, said Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

"We made unprecedented investments to expand our enrollment organization footprint into nearly every county in the country and targeted the hardest-to-reach communities," she said.

The boost in enrollment comes as the number of uninsured people is at an all-time low — just 8% of those in the United States remain without coverage.

President Joe Biden and a Democratic-led Congress have committed millions of dollars over the past two years into unlocking low-cost insurance plans for more people and prohibiting states from kicking people off Medicaid during the COVID-19 pandemic. The marketplace itself has also evolved in recent years, with more insurers joining, giving an overwhelming majority of Americans at least three plans to consider during enrollment.

Those breaks on coverage were extended through 2025 under a major climate and health care bill championed by Democrats last year.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Murdoch calling off merger plans

NEW YORK — Rupert Murdoch has pulled the plug on a proposal to bring back together his News Corp. and Fox Corp., saying the merger isn't coming at the right time for shareholders.

In similar statements Tuesday, the companies said their boards received letters from Murdoch withdrawing the plan that concluded "a combination is not optimal for shareholders of News Corp. and Fox at this time."

The elder Murdoch first floated merging News Corp. — which owns The Wall Street Journal, New York Post, The Sun and The Times in the U.K., and book publisher HarperCollins — and Fox Corp., which controls Fox News, Fox Sports and local TV stations, in October, according to regulatory filings.

Tesla to produce more EVs in Nev.

SPARKS, Nev. — Tesla confirmed it intends to invest $3.6 billion to expand its manufacturing capabilities in Nevada for "high-volume" production of electric semi-trucks and make enough cell batteries for 2 million light-duty vehicles annually.

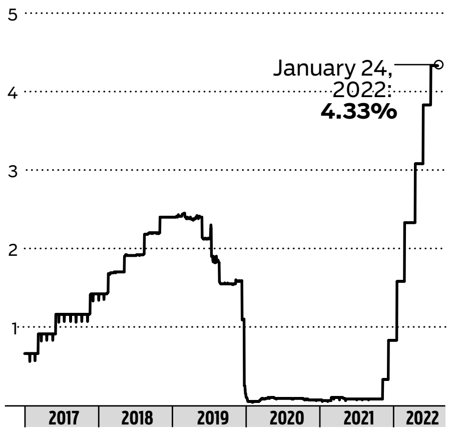
The expansion takes the company a step closer to plans it announced earlier to ramp up Tesla Semi production to make 50,000 trucks in North America in 2024.

The White House issued a statement trumpeting the plans Tuesday as Tesla CEO Elon Musk wrapped up testimony in a federal court in San Francisco.

Musk defended himself against a class-action lawsuit that alleges he misled Tesla shareholders in 2018 with a tweet about an aborted buyout.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



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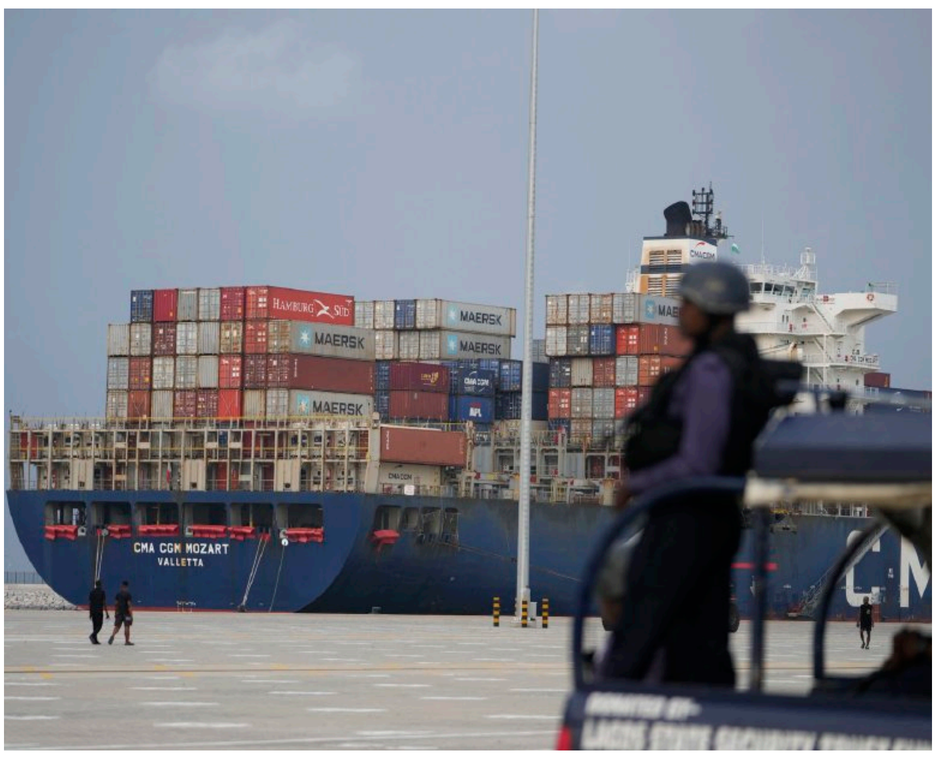

The Lekki Deep Sea Port in Lagos, Nigeria, a $1.5 billion facility, has the potential to ease economy-hampering port congestion in the West African nation. **SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP**

Chinese-funded seaport may help ailing Nigerian economy

By Chinedu Asadu
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has marked the opening of a $1.5 billion, Chinese-funded deep seaport in the commercial hub of Lagos that authorities hope will help the West African nation's ailing economy grow.

The Lekki Deep Sea Port is one of the biggest in West Africa and will create hundreds of thousands of jobs in addition to easing cargo congestion that costs billions of dollars in annual revenue, Lagos Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu said this week.

The port — whose container terminal is able to handle at least 2.5 million 20-foot standard containers per year — will be operated as a joint venture between the Nigerian government, Lagos state, Singapore-based Tolaram Group and state-owned China Harbor Engineering Company. Both foreign companies own a majority stake of 75% in the project.

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy but growth has been stalled for many years because of poor infrastructure and mismanagement. Although it has six major seaports, more than 80% of the country's imports are handled by just two of the ports in Lagos, where congestion has led to a massive loss of revenue as cargoes are often diverted to other West African nations.

Authorities say the new deep seaport on the eastern edge of Lagos would divert traffic from congested ports and shore up earnings, with expected economic benefits of more than $360 billion.

Experts, however, argue it would make a "minimal difference" if existing pitfalls are not removed, including ensuring connections between ports and inland areas.

"There is poor and underinvested rail network connectivity, and the roads are not in top-notch condition," said Ayotunde Abiodun, an economic analyst with the Lagos-based SBM Intelligence firm. "Also, the automation of processes at the port must be prioritized."

As the port begins to operate with the first commercial vessel arriving Sunday, the Lagos governor said ships docking at the port "could be up to four times the size of vessels that currently berth at both Tin Can and Apapa ports," the other two ports in Lagos.

The project would drive economic development not just for Lagos but for the entire country, said Cui Jianchun, Chinese ambassador to Nigeria.

"This is (the) engine of the economy not only for (the) governor of Lagos but also for the Federal Republic of Nigeria," Jianchun said. "This is equity of investment. This is not a loan, this is not borrowing — this is investment."

The port has "immense potential" for the economy of Nigeria, which is battling a 33% unemployment rate, said Abiodun, the analyst who added that industry players must work together for this to happen.

In the maritime sector, "there needs to be interagency engagement on important issues affecting industry operators," Abiodun said. "A more troubling challenge has been the focus of these agencies on revenue generation rather than on value service delivery. This needs to change."

Clean energy gains foothold in India, but coal is still king

Associated Press

BENGALURU, India — For six years, Pravinbhai Parmar's farm in Gujarat state in western India has been lined with rice, wheat and solar panels.

The 36-year-old is among a handful of farmers in his native Dhundi village who have been using solar power to irrigate crops.

"I was spending nearly 50,000 rupees ($615) every year to water my crops," Parmar said. "With solar I spend nothing."

Parmar also sells the excess electricity to his state's grid, earning an average of $50 a month.

"It's a win-win in every way," he said.

Thousands of farmers have been encouraged to take up solar power for irrigation in the agriculture-rich state as India aims to reach "net zero" by 2070. But livelihoods powered by clean energy are major outliers in the country that's the third-largest emitter of planet-warming gases in the world, and last year announced its biggest-ever auction for coal mines.

Coal's share in producing electricity for Gujarat fell from 85% to 56% in the last six years, according to analysis by London-based energy think tank Ember. The share of renewable energy for the state grew from 9% to 28% in the same period.

But Gujarat is just one of four of India's 28 states that met their renewable energy targets for 2022. Most states have installed less than 50% of their targets and some states such as West Bengal have installed only 10% of their target.

Nationwide fossil fuels generate more than 70% of India's electricity and have been doing so for decades. Coal is by far the largest share of dirty fuels. Renewable energy currently contributes about 10% of India's electricity needs.

From 2001 to 2021, India installed 168 gigawatts of coal-fired generation, nearly double what it added in solar and wind power combined, according to an analysis of Ember data. India's federal power ministry estimates that its electricity demand will grow as much as 6% every year for the next decade.

"The challenge of reducing the share of coal in the electricity generation mix is particularly acute because you are dealing with a sector that is growing rapidly," said Thomas Spencer, energy analyst at the Paris-based International Energy Agency.

Spencer said India's quickly developing economy and growing electricity consumption per capita is causing rising demand.

A report by the Global Energy Monitor ranks India among the top seven countries globally for prospective renewable power. The planned build-out of 76 gigawatts of solar and wind power by 2025 will avoid the use of almost 78 million tons of coal annually and could lead to savings of up to $19.5 billion per year.

India missed its target to install 175 gigawatts of renewable energy to its overall power production by 2022. Experts say that to meet its 2030 renewable energy target of installing a total of 450 gigawatts, India needs to build out clean energy at a far greater rate than it is doing now.

The Indian government has repeatedly defended its use of coal and its energy transition strategy, stating that the fuel is necessary for the nation's energy security. Coal India Ltd., a government-owned company, is the largest state-owned coal producer in the world. It's responsible for about 82% of the total coal produced in India.

In November last year, the Indian government announced its biggest ever auction for coal mines, inviting bids for 141 mines spread across 12 states in the country. The government says the additional mines will contribute to its target of producing 1 billion tons of coal by April 2024.

Analysts say clean energy's multiple obstacles include acquiring land for projects, in part due to resistance from local communities. Longstanding contracts with coal plants also make it easier for state-run electricity companies to buy coal power instead of clean power.

Pantries

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The department is encouraging SNAP benefit recipients to make sure their accounts are up to date including reporting any increase in housing costs or decrease in income to make sure they are receiving the maximum SNAP benefits for which they are eligible and to see if they are entitled to other aid, such as Medicaid and Temporary Assistance to Needy Family, Hou said. SNAP benefits are based on household size, income and deductions.

SNAP benefit recipients are being encouraged to visit www.abe.illinois.gov to update their accounts.

Lee said Congress needs to do more to combat food insecurity.

"We really urge this Congress to strengthen SNAP within the new farm bill," she said. "SNAP really is our nation's most effective tool to prevent hunger. If they're taking away these temporary provisions, they need to find other ways to make sure participants are receiving the help that they need."

To find food pantries in Cook County, go to chicagosfoodbank.org/findfood. To find pantries statewide, go to go.illinois.edu/findfood.

Francine Knowles is a freelance columnist for the Daily Southtown.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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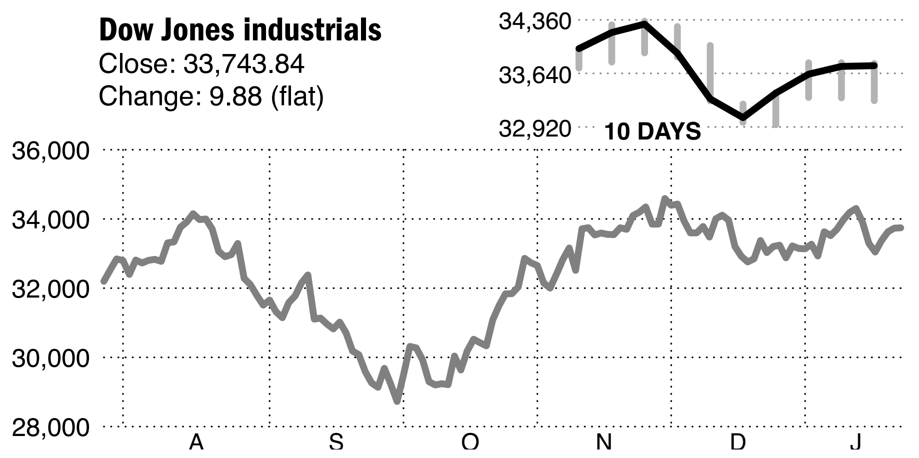

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↘	**-20.92** (-.18%)	↘	**-.73** (-.02%)	↗	**+4.71** (+.25%)
Close	**11,313.36**	**Close**	**4,016.22**	**Close**	**1,890.32**
High	11,334.22	**High**	4,019.55	**High**	1,890.73
Low	11,069.17	**Low**	3,949.06	**Low**	1,858.99
Previous	11,334.28	**Previous**	4,016.95	**Previous**	1,885.61

10-yr T-note	**Gold futures**	**Yen**	**Euro**	**Crude Oil**
↘	↗	↘	↘	↗
-.01	**+7.30**	**-.51**	**-.0024**	**+.02**
to 3.45%	to $1,941.20	to 129.55/$1	to .9163/$1	to $80.15

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.34	+3.25	+2.22
↗	↗	↗

30-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+2.64	+10.77	+6.16
↗	↗	↗

1-year % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.24	-16.46	-7.67
↘	↘	↘

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	735	746.50	734.75	741.25	+6.75
		May 23	743.25	753.50	743	749	+6.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	676.75	681	673.75	674.75	-2.25
		May 23	675	679	672.25	673.25	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	1488.25	1504.75	1478.25	1502.50	+14
		May 23	1486	1498	1476	1496.50	+10
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 23	61.09	61.29	60.00	60.54	-.44
		May 23	61.16	61.38	60.18	60.71	-.38
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 23	459.80	467.40	454.80	465.50	+5.70
		May 23	448.80	453.80	443.40	452.80	+4.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 23	80.26	81.23	79.45	80.15	+.02
		Apr 23	80.44	81.50	79.77	80.44	...
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 23	3.242	3.251	2.992	3.067	-.191
		Mar 23	3.065	3.078	2.860	2.915	-.142
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 23	2.6782	2.7135	2.5785	2.5934	-.0553
		Mar 23	2.6776	2.7186	2.5835	2.5978	-.0543

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	112.53	...
AbbVie Inc	N	147.69	...
Allstate Corp	N	127.26	...
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.07	-.77
Arch Dan Mid	N	85.77	...
Baxter Intl	N	46.14	+1.23
Boeing Co	N	212.68	+.70
Brunswick Corp	N	80.28	+.11
CBOE Global Markets	N	122.39	+.82
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.87	...
CDW Corp	O	192.12	-5.02
CF Industries	N	83.76	-1.18
CME Group	O	173.38	+.25
CNA Financial	N	42.90	-.09
Caterpillar Inc	N	258.44	+.83
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.14	-.12
Deere Co	N	413.64	-3.03
Discover Fin Svcs	N	114.90	+3.41
Dover Corp	N	141.85	-1.36
Envestnet Inc	N	66.25	+1.09
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.99	-.30
Equity Residential	N	62.14	-.46
Exelon Corp	O	41.42	-.09
First Indl RT	N	52.22	-.46
Fortune Brands Innov	N	62.73	-.12
GATX	N	112.11	+2.22
Gallagher AJ	N	197.01	...
Grainger WW	N	559.85	-10.98
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	112.11	+.29
IAA Inc	N	40.88	-.87
IDEX Corp	N	232.80	+.45
ITW	N	228.38	-.97
Ingredion Inc	N	102.51	+1.17
John Bean Technol	N	104.24	+2.07
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	177.67	+.86
Kemper Corp	N	56.35	+1.87
Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.95	+.13
LKQ Corporation	O	57.60	+.19
Littelfuse Inc	O	249.84	-3.55
McDonalds Corp	N	273.00	+3.44
Middleby Corp	O	149.85	-1.41
Mondelez Intl	O	65.00	+.16
Morningstar Inc	O	235.18	-3.78
Motorola Solutions	N	258.57	+2.34
NiSource Inc	N	27.58	+.26
Nthn Trust Cp	O	94.35	-.42
Old Republic	N	24.70	+.39
Packaging Corp Am	N	129.15	-.88
Paylocity Hldg	O	194.18	-3.65
RLI Corp	N	133.03	+.17
Ryan Specialty Group	N	42.15	+.29
Stericycle Inc	O	53.07	+.25
TransUnion	N	69.17	-.49
US Foods Holding	N	37.78	+.62
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	502.63	+1.10
United Airlines Hldg	O	50.28	+.98
Ventas Inc	N	50.81	-.19
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	36.28	+.38
Wintrust Financial	O	88.91	+.85
Zebra Tech	O	310.57	+.49

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	20.42	+1.26
Shopify Inc	47.33	+4.64
Avaya Holdings Corp	.36	+.09
Snap Inc A	9.67	-.59
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.78	...
Ford Motor	12.79	+.05
Palantir Technol	7.22	+.20
Transocean Ltd	6.42	+.18
Nokia Corp	4.63	+.08
Carnival Corp	10.88	+.20
Bank of America	34.87	+.30
NextEra Energy	76.59	-7.31
Sthwstn Energy	5.54	-.13
Verizon Comm	40.33	-.09
Medical Prop Trust	12.39	-.83
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.02	+.11
Pfizer Inc	45.07	+.36
Citigroup	51.90	+.48
Nu Holdings Ltd	4.12	+.09
Petrobras	11.93	+.15
Barrick Gold	19.79	+.37
Kinder Morgan Inc	18.45	-.12
Freeport McMoRan	46.64	+2.05
So Jersey Inds	36.08	+.18

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.35	+.06
Exela Technologies	.08	-.00
Tesla Inc	144.43	+.54
Sonoma Pharma Inc	1.69	+.49
Amazon.com Inc	97.18	+.86
Ensysce Biosciences	.80	+.13
Novo Integrated Sci	.14	+.01
Microsoft Corp	240.61	-1.43
Apple Inc	141.86	-.67
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.85	-.09
COmSovereign Hldg	.07	+.00
Adv Micro Dev	74.91	+.21
Summit Wireless Tech	.14	-.03
Nvidia Corporation	193.23	+.58
Warner Bros Disc A	14.53	+1.15
Inpixon Corp	1.53	-.03
Alphabet Inc A	95.22	-2.48
ContraFect Corp	.10	-.02
Marathon Digital Hld	8.75	-.05
American Airlines Gp	16.26	+.24
Alphabet Inc C	96.73	-2.48
SoFi Technologies	5.79	...
Intel Corp	29.70	-.22
Meta Platforms Inc	141.50	-1.64

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3264.81	+24.5/+.8
Stoxx600	452.08	-1.6/-.4
Nikkei	27395.01	+95.8/+.4
MSCI-EAFE	2106.58	+4.1/+.2
Bovespa	114329.61	+1301.5/+1.2
FTSE 100	7744.87	-12.5/-.2
CAC-40	7043.88	-6.6/-.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	96.73	-2.48
Alphabet Inc A	95.22	-2.48
Amazon.com Inc	97.18	+.86
Apple Inc	141.86	-.67
Berkshire Hath B	311.90	+.60
Chevron Corp	179.08	-1.75
Eli Lilly	349.73	+3.34
Exxon Mobil Corp	113.21	-.60
JPMorgan Chase	139.12	+.67
Johnson & Johnson	169.51	+1.20
MasterCard Inc	382.39	+2.38
Microsoft Corp	240.61	-1.43
Nvidia Corporation	193.23	+.58
Procter & Gamble	141.72	-.10
Taiwan Semicon	92.41	-2.15
Tesla Inc	144.43	+.54
Unitedhealth Group	492.50	+.90
Visa Inc	224.90	+1.01
WalMart Strs	142.34	-.68

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.56	4.57
6-month disc	4.65	4.70
2-year	4.13	4.21
10-year	3.45	3.46
30-year	3.60	3.61

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1941.20	$1933.90
Silver	$23.839	$23.649
Platinum	$1037.00	$1057.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	7.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.00
Fed Funds Target	4.25-4.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.38

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	185.0310
Australia (Dollar)	1.4080
Brazil (Real)	5.0799
Britain (Pound)	.8066
Canada (Dollar)	1.3384
China (Yuan)	6.7840
Euro	.9163
India (Rupee)	81.456
Israel (Shekel)	3.3796
Japan (Yen)	129.55
Mexico (Peso)	18.8009
Poland (Zloty)	4.32
So. Korea (Won)	1234.57
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.25
Thailand (Baht)	32.73

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.79	+.06	-4.4
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.14	-.05	+.6
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	54.91	+.11	-5.4
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	65.12	+.12	-2.2
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	63.60	+.13	-3.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	53.39	+.08	-13.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.22	+.04	-1.6
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	43.17	-.02	-4.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	50.80	+.09	-10.9
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.03	+.08	-.6
Baird AggrgateBdInstl x	9.91	-.01	-8.6
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.65	+.01	-5.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.89	+.17	+.3
Dodge & Cox StkI	227.40	+1.69	-1.8
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	139.36	-.03	-6.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.74	...	-13.6
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.48	+.04	-4.6
Fidelity GroCo	24.45	-.03	-14.3
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.80	+.25	-1.9
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.19	+.01	-7.9
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	111.47	+.01	-6.7
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.51	+.02	-8.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	...	-1.2
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.38	+.02	-9.7
PIMCO IncInstl	10.66	+.01	-3.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.74	+.02	-9.5
Schwab SP500Idx	61.52	...	-7.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	370.70	-.07	-6.3
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.41	+.03	-7.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.17	-.07	+.4
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	86.47	+.11	+4.0
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	118.33	-.29	-15.7
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.20	+.28	+9.3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.67	...	-3.1
Vanguard InsIdxIns	336.70	-.06	-6.3
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	336.69	-.06	-6.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	101.56	+.11	-12.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	267.40	+.48	-3.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.87	+.27	-2.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.08	...	-3.5
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	94.37	+.17	-2.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.48	+.03	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.52	+.03	-6.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.07	+.04	-6.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.45	+.03	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.01	+.05	-6.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.23	+.04	-6.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.18	+.06	-6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.71	+.01	-6.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.78	+.01	-8.5
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.78	+.01	-8.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.35	+.13	-4.9
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	121.37	+.52	-4.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.14	+.07	-4.9
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	97.86	+.01	-6.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	97.88	+.01	-6.7
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	55.83	+.12	+2.4
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.33	+.08	-6.4
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	61.05	+.03	-4.4
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	69.48	+.16	-3.8

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WAR IN UKRAINE

US, Germany agree to send tanks

They will not reach Ukraine's battlefields for several months

By Frank Jordans, Kirsten Grieshaber and Samya Kullab
Associated Press

A Leopard 2 tank moves amid fog grenades during training last fall in Ostenholz, Germany. **RONNY HARTMANN/GETTY-AFP 2022**

BERLIN — Germany and the United States announced Wednesday that they will send battle tanks to Ukraine, the first stage of a coordinated effort by the West to provide dozens of the heavy weapons to help Kyiv break combat stalemates as Russia's invasion enters its 12th month.

President Joe Biden said the U.S. will send 31 M1 Abrams tanks, reversing months of persistent arguments by Washington that they were too difficult for Ukrainian troops to operate and maintain.

That decision followed Germany's agreement to send 14 Leopard 2 A6 tanks from its stocks. Germany had said the Leopards would not be sent unless the U.S. put its Abrams on the table, not wanting to incur Russia's wrath without the U.S. making a similar commitment.

"This is the result of intensive consultations, once again, with our allies and international partners," Chancellor Olaf Scholz told German lawmakers. "It was right, and it is important that we didn't let ourselves be driven" into the decision.

Biden said European allies have agreed to send enough tanks to equip two Ukrainian tank battalions, or a total of 62 tanks.

"With spring approaching, Ukrainian forces are working to defend the territory they hold and preparing for additional counteroffenses," Biden said at the White House. "To liberate their land, they need to be able to counter Russia's evolving tactics and strategy on the battlefield in the very near term."

Several European countries have equipped their armies with Leopard 2 tanks, and Germany's announcement means they can give some of their stocks to Ukraine.

"German main battle tanks, further broadening of defense support and training missions, green light for partners to supply similar weapons. Just heard about these important and timely decisions in a call with Olaf Scholz," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Twitter. "Sincerely grateful to the chancellor and all our friends in (Germany)."

Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines said the decision comes at a critical point.

"Tanks will help reduce casualties among our soldiers ... then gain new results and win this war quicker," said Oleksander Syrotiuk, the commander of a company of the 17th Tank Brigade, deployed in Bakhmut.

Ukrainian soldiers and experts said Ukrainian forces are running low on spare parts to repair old Soviet-era tanks and the specific ammunition they require while enduring relentless barrages of Russian artillery. An expected springtime Russian offensive is also looming.

Though it will take months before their debut, the tanks will enable Ukraine's forces to launch counteroffensives and reduce casualties, said three military commanders, including two in the army's tank division.

Ukrainian forces have had to conserve ammunition and deal with frequent breakdowns and maintenance issues, Syrotiuk said.

"The main problem we have with our tanks is they are old," he said.

Expressing a preference for the Leopard 2, which he said was more suitable for Ukraine's terrain, Syrotiuk said the modern tanks have more precise targeting systems, better armor and equipment to allow nighttime operations.

The $400 million package announced Wednesday by the U.S. includes eight M88 recovery vehicles — tank-like tracked vehicles that can tow the Abrams if it gets stuck.

Altogether, France, the U.K., the U.S., Poland, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden will send hundreds of tanks and heavy armored vehicles to fortify Ukraine as it enters a new phase of the war and attempts to break through entrenched Russian lines.

While Ukraine's supporters previously have supplied tanks, they were Soviet models in the stockpiles of countries that once were in Moscow's sphere of influence but are now aligned with the West. Zelenskyy and other Ukrainian officials insisted their forces need more modern Western-designed tanks.

Russia's ambassador to Germany, Sergey Nechayev, called Berlin's decision "extremely dangerous," saying it "shifts the conflict to a new level of confrontation and contradicts the statements of German politicians about their reluctance to get involved in it."

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius cautioned that it would take about three months for the first tanks to be deployed in Ukraine. The German government said it planned to begin training Ukrainian tank crews in Germany. The package being put together would include logistics, ammunition and maintenance.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described German and U.S. intentions as "a rather disastrous plan"

"The main thing is, this is a completely obvious overestimation of the potential (the supply of tanks) would add to the armed forces of Ukraine," Peskov said. "It is yet another fallacy."

Peskov predicted "these tanks will burn down just like all the other ones. ... Except they cost a lot, and this will fall on the shoulders of European taxpayers." he added.

John Herbst, who was U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 2003 to 2006, questioned the timeline for delivery of the American tanks.

"Under this schedule Ukraine would be lucky to receive them this calendar year," said Herbst, who is now senior director of the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center.

Latest mass attack report urges more intervention

Fed analysts looked for patterns in 173 cases over 5 years

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

Mourners attend a vigil Tuesday outside City Hall in Monterey Park, Calif., blocks from the Star Ballroom Dance Studio, where a gunman killed 11 people late Saturday. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

WASHINGTON — As the nation reels from a week of high-profile shootings, a new report on mass attacks calls for communities to intervene early when they see warning signs of violence, encourages businesses to consider workplace violence prevention plans and highlights the connection between domestic violence, misogyny and mass attacks.

The report, released Wednesday by the U.S. Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center, analyzed 173 mass attacks carried out over a five-year period from January 2016 to December 2020 in public or semi-public places such as businesses, schools or churches.

It was released as the U.S. experienced a particularly deadly start to the new year that has left 39 people dead in six mass killings, including one Saturday in Monterey Park, California, that left 11 people dead at a dance hall as they welcomed in the Lunar New Year.

"It's just happening way too often," said Lina Alathari, the center's director, during a news conference ahead of the report's release. Alathari said that while the center had not specifically studied the shootings that took place recently, there are themes seen "over and over again" when analyzing mass attacks.

Meanwhile, Chunli Zhao, 66, a farmworker accused of killing seven people in back-to-back shootings Monday at two Northern California mushroom farms, was charged with seven counts of murder and one of attempted murder ahead of his first court appearance Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear whether he had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

The charges include additional allegations that could result in the death penalty or life in prison without parole, though Gov. Gavin Newsom has issued a moratorium on executions. Among those allegations are that Zhao used a gun, caused great bodily injury, killed multiple people and had a prior felony conviction. No additional details were provided on the prior felony.

The coroner's office named six of the victims: Zhishen Liu, 73, of San Francisco; Marciano Martinez Jimenez, 50, of Moss Beach; Aixiang Zhang, 74, of San Francisco; Qizhong Cheng, 66, of Half Moon Bay; Jingzhi Lu, 64, of Half Moon Bay; and Yetao Bing, 43, hometown unknown. The name of the seventh victim has not been released publicly as officials work to notify relatives, the coroner's office said.

The Secret Service report is the latest in a series undertaken by the center to look at the problem of mass attacks. While previous reports examined the specific years of 2017, 2018 and 2019, the new report noted that it analyzed multiple years of data and gives more "in-depth analysis of the thinking and behavior of mass attackers."

The center defines a mass attack as one in which three or more people — not including the attacker — are harmed. Almost all the attacks were carried out by one person, 96% of attackers were men and the attackers ranged in age from 14 to 87.

The report noted that nearly two-thirds of attackers exhibited behaviors or communications "that were so concerning, they should have been met with an immediate response." It said these concerns were often shared with law enforcement, employers, school staff or parents. But in one-fifth of the cases, the concerning behavior wasn't relayed to anyone "in a position to respond, demonstrating a continued need to promote and facilitate bystander reporting."

The report also called for greater attention toward domestic violence and misogyny, noting that nearly half of the attackers studied had a history of domestic violence, misogynistic behavior or both.

"Though not all who possess misogynistic views are violent, viewpoints that describe women as the enemy or call for violence against women remain a cause for concern," the report said.

About half the attacks in the study involved a business location, and attackers often had a prior relationship with the business, as an employee, a customer or a former employer. The report also noted the role that grievances like workplace disputes or feuds with neighbors played in mass attacks. About half were motivated "in whole or in part by a perceived grievance," according to the report.

"Workplaces should establish behavioral threat assessment programs as a component of their workplace violence prevention plans, and businesses should also establish proactive relationships with area law enforcement so that they may work collaboratively to respond to incidents involving a concern for violence, whether that concern arises from a current employee, a former employee, or a customer," the report read.

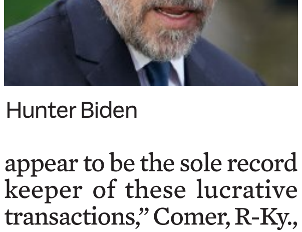
Amid new push, House GOP seeks details on Hunter Biden's art sales

By Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans renewed their investigation Wednesday into the art dealings of Hunter Biden, pushing for details on who is purchasing his work as part of the party's long-promised probe into President Joe Biden and his family.

Rep. James Comer, the new chairman of the House Oversight Committee, asked for a transcribed interview with Georges Berges, the art dealer who has been showcasing Hunter Biden's work in New York and Los Angeles galleries since 2021. He requested communications between the gallery and the White House, citing Republican concerns the younger Biden is trading in on his father's name.

"Despite being a novice artist, Hunter Biden received exorbitant amounts of money selling his artwork, the buyers' identities remain unknown, and you appear to be the sole record keeper of these lucrative transactions," Comer, R-Ky., said in a letter to Berges.



Hunter Biden

Republicans have requested information from Berges before, but those requests were ignored when the GOP was in the minority.

Biden aides have derided the GOP's focus on Hunter Biden, who has never held a position in the White House or presidential campaign, as hypocritical. They point to former President Donald Trump, who had a daughter and son-in-law working for him in the White House and often spent taxpayer dollars at his own properties.

The Biden White House said it established an arrangement in the early days of the presidency that allows Hunter Biden to sell his artwork without knowing the identity of the purchaser. Officials said it would avoid any potential ethical entanglements.

Under the arrangement, a private art gallery owner sets prices for Hunter Biden's work and handles all bidding and sales, but does not share any information about buyers or prospective buyers with Hunter or anyone in the administration. Berges also agreed to reject any offer he deemed suspicious or that came in over the asking price.

The prices for Hunter Biden's art, according to Comer, range from $55,000 to $225,000 apiece at the SoHo gallery where his latest collection debuted this month.

Hunter Biden's taxes and foreign business work are already under federal investigation by a federal grand jury in Delaware.

‘Tragedy upon tragedy’ scars 2023

Across US, dozens of mass shootings fill first few weeks

By J. David Goodman, Amy Harmon and Adeel Hassan
The New York Times

Mourners attend a vigil Monday for victims of a deadly mass shooting in Monterey Park, California. **MARIO TAMA/GETTY**

There was the mass shooting near a youth center in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and the one at a Subway restaurant in Durham, North Carolina. Another took place behind a beer hall in Oklahoma City, and another at a strip club outside Columbus, Ohio. Two mass shootings ended parties in different Florida cities.

And that was just on New Year’s Day.

By the start of the fourth week in January, the tally had grown to include at least 39 separate shootings in which four or more people were injured or killed, according to the Gun Violence Archive, outlining a striking explosion of violence across a range of sites in nearly every corner of the nation that killed at least 69 people.

The deadliest shooting took place Saturday in Monterey Park, California, a city with a thriving Asian American community where a gunman killed 11 people and wounded nine others inside a popular ballroom dance hall. Authorities said the gunman, who may have targeted his victims and who later killed himself, was a 72-year-old man.

Then, on Monday, came another deadly mass shooting in California. A gunman, whom authorities said was a 67-year-old man, killed seven people and seriously wounded at least one other person in Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco.

“At the hospital meeting with victims of a mass shooting when I get pulled away to be briefed about another shooting,” Gov. Gavin Newsom of California tweeted Monday. “Tragedy upon tragedy.”

The frequency of mass shootings and the variety of their locations — at offices and schools, nail salons and houses of worship, grocery stores and restaurants — contributes to the sense, prevalent across America, that such violence could break out at any moment, anywhere. It fuels calls for gun control just as certainly as it does the purchase of more and more guns. Public shooting sprees rivet the nation, but can also have the effect of normalizing violence.

Criminologists say the prevalence of mass shootings is brought about in part by the easy access to so many weapons — a unique feature of the United States — as well as by a copycat effect.

“Would someone like this have committed a mass shooting at a dance hall in the past?” Adam Lankford, a criminologist at the University of Alabama, said, referring to the older man believed to have been the gunman in Monterey Park. “Maybe not. You can kind of think of it as a snowball effect. The more incidents there are, the more prominent this option will be in angry people’s minds.”

And at the same time, the recurrence of such gun violence risks having the effect of desensitizing the nation to tragedy, so much so that warnings not to become accustomed to high-profile mass shootings are a familiar part of the response.

“We cannot become numb to these horrific acts of violence,” the district attorney of San Francisco, Brooke Jenkins, said after the Monterey Park shooting, which took place amid Lunar New Year celebrations over the weekend. “The Year of the Rabbit stands for hope.”

The number of mass shootings has been rising, though not steadily, since 2014, according to data compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, which tracks public reports of shootings. There were 690 shootings with four or more victims in 2021, more than double the 2014 total. The number fell slightly last year, to 647, but remained significantly higher than in previous years.

And the number of such shootings appears to be rising in the first few weeks of this year, as compared with similar periods in recent years. There has been, on average, fewer than one mass shooting per day from Jan. 1 to Jan. 23 in each of the past five years, according to the Gun Violence Archive data, but the past two years have been trending up, to 28 last year from 26 in 2021, and 16 in 2018.

“There is no place left in America that is safe from gun violence,” David Min, a California state senator, said in response to the Monterey Park shooting. “This has to stop. Enough is enough.”

Even as crime rates decline, gun violence is on the rise, said Jaclyn Schildkraut, executive director of the regional gun violence research consortium at the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

But Schildkraut said it was important to distinguish between “public mass shootings” like those in Monterey Park, which are known to be premeditated, and other categories, like killings among family members or shootings that erupt out of an argument.

Public mass shootings are the least common and the most deadly, she said. And the type of policy interventions that are most likely to avert them are different.

“All gun violence and the loss of any one individual is one too many,” Schildkraut said. “They are different buckets that require us to think about their unique characteristics and add in layers of prevention and response accordingly.”

A 2015 study linked the nation’s high rate of mass shootings to its high rate of gun ownership. Americans make up about 5% of the global population and own 42% of the world’s guns, the study said.

But subsequent work suggests that the governing factor may be easy access to guns, not ownership of them, said Lankford, who wrote the 2015 study.

Nearly 40% of American men tell researchers that they own a gun, so gun ownership alone is not a useful predictor of who is likely to commit a mass shooting, Lankford said. In a study of the 14 deadliest mass shootings since the high school shooting in Columbine, Colorado, in 1999, he and a co-author showed that half of the perpetrators had not acquired their first firearm until the final year before their attack.

In many of the less widely reported mass shootings that take place in the United States, information about the gunman and the weapon used is not readily known. After 12 people were shot in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, over the weekend, three with what were described as life-threatening injuries, police implored people with information to come forward with information about the gunman.

In Rockford, Illinois, three people died and two others were injured in a shooting this month, and a suspect has yet to be identified publicly.

“You wish there was the same attention that was put on these everyday shootings,” Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara said.

“I don’t want to sound callous about Monterey Park, but at least those people are going to be remembered,” he added. “Last year I lost 15 lives in my community. There was no national story about it. It’s just sad that we live in a country where violence is normalized.”

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Messages of support for teacher Abigail Zwerner decorate a door this month at Richneck Elementary School in Newport News, Va. She was shot by a student. **JOHN C. CLARK/AP**

Lawyer: Va. school officials warned 3 times boy had gun

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Staffers warned administrators at a Virginia elementary school three times that a 6-year-old boy had a gun and was threatening other students in the hours before he shot a teacher, but the administration “was paralyzed by apathy” and didn’t call police, remove the boy from class or lock down the school, the wounded teacher’s lawyer said Wednesday.

Diane Toscano, an attorney for Abigail Zwerner, said during a news conference she has notified the school board in Newport News that the teacher at Richneck Elementary School plans to sue the school district over the Jan. 6 shooting, which left Zwerner, 25, with serious injuries.

“On that day, over the course of a few hours, three different times — three times — school administration was warned by concerned teachers and employees that the boy had a gun on him at the school and was threatening people. But the administration could not be bothered,” Toscano said.

She said that Zwerner went to an administrator at around 11:15 a.m. on the day of the shooting and said the boy had threatened to beat up another child, but no action was taken.

About an hour later, another teacher went to an administrator and said she had taken it upon herself to search the boy’s book bag, but warned that she thought the boy had put the gun in his pocket before going outside for recess, Toscano said.

“The administrator downplayed the report from the teacher and the possibility of a gun, saying — and I quote — ‘Well, he has little pockets,’” Toscano said.

Shortly after 1 p.m., another teacher told an administrator that a different student who was “crying and fearful” said the boy showed him a gun during recess and threatened to shoot him if he told anyone. Again, no action was taken, she said.

When another employee who had heard the boy might have a gun asked an administrator to search the boy, he was turned down, Toscano said.

“He was told to wait the situation out because the school day was almost over,” she said.

About an hour later, “Abby Zwerner was shot in front of those horrified kids, and the school and community are living the nightmare, all because the school administration failed to act,” Toscano said.

School district spokesperson Michelle Price wrote in an email that “since the school division’s investigation is ongoing, I cannot comment on the statements presented by Ms. Zwerner’s lawyer at this time.”

The shooting raised questions about security at the school and stunned Newport News, a city of 185,000 people.

Superintendent George Parker III, who has been criticized by parents and teachers in the wake of the shooting, has said at least one administrator was told on the day of the shooting that the boy might have a weapon, but no weapon was found when his backpack was searched. Police have said that school officials did not tell them about that tip before the shooting.

Pope: Homosexuality isn’t a crime; laws against it ‘unjust’

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

Pope Francis made his remarks on the criminalization of homosexuality ahead of a trip to Africa, where such laws are in force in some countries. **FILIPPO MONTEFORTE/GETTY-AFP**

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis criticized laws that criminalize homosexuality as “unjust,” saying God loves all his children just as they are and called on Catholic bishops who support the laws to welcome LGBTQ people into the church.

“Being homosexual isn’t a crime,” Francis said during an exclusive interview Tuesday with The Associated Press.

Francis acknowledged that Catholic bishops in some parts of the world support laws that criminalize homosexuality or discriminate against LGBTQ people, and he himself referred to the issue in terms of “sin.” But he attributed such attitudes to cultural backgrounds, and said bishops in particular need to undergo a process of change to recognize the dignity of everyone.

“These bishops have to have a process of conversion,” he said, adding that they should apply “tenderness, please, as God has for each one of us.”

Francis’ comments, which were hailed by gay rights advocates as a milestone, are the first uttered by a pope about such laws. But they are also consistent with his overall approach to LGBTQ people and belief that the Catholic Church should welcome everyone and not discriminate.

Some 67 countries or jurisdictions worldwide criminalize consensual same-sex sexual activity, 11 of which can or do impose the death penalty, according to the Human Dignity Trust, which works to end such laws. Experts say even where the laws are not enforced, they contribute to harassment, stigmatization and violence against LGBTQ people.

In the U.S., more than a dozen states still have anti-sodomy laws on the books, despite a 2003 Supreme Court ruling declaring them unconstitutional.

Gay rights advocates say the antiquated laws are used to justify harassment, and point to new legislation, such as the so-called “Don’t say gay” law in Florida, which forbids instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade, as evidence of continued efforts to marginalize LGBTQ people.

The United Nations has repeatedly called for an end to laws criminalizing homosexuality outright, saying they violate rights to privacy and freedom from discrimination and are a breach of countries’ obligations under international law to protect the human rights of all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Declaring such laws “unjust,” Francis said the Catholic Church can and should work to put an end to them. “It must do this. It must do this,” he said.

Francis quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church in saying gay people must be welcomed and respected, and should not be marginalized or discriminated against.

“We are all children of God, and God loves us as we are and for the strength that each of us fights for our dignity,” Francis said, speaking to the AP in the Vatican hotel where he lives.

Francis’ remarks come ahead of a trip to Africa, where such laws are common, as they are in the Middle East. Many date from British colonial times or are inspired by Islamic law. Some Catholic bishops have strongly upheld them as consistent with Vatican teaching, while others have called for them to be overturned as a violation of basic human dignity.

On Tuesday, Francis said there needed to be a distinction between a crime and a sin with regard to homosexuality. Church teaching holds that homosexual acts are sinful, or “intrinsically disordered,” but that gay people must be treated with dignity and respect.

Bantering with himself, Francis articulated the position: “It’s not a crime. Yes, but it’s a sin. Fine, but first let’s distinguish between a sin and a crime.”

“It’s also a sin to lack charity with one another,” he added.

Francis has not changed the church’s teaching, which has long riled gay Catholics. But he has made reaching out to LGBTQ people a hallmark of his papacy.

Debt standoff of 2011 echoes today

Current debate akin to earlier showdown that hurt US credit

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

Then-House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., right, and Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Va. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP 2013**

WASHINGTON — The debate about raising the debt ceiling sounds eerily similar: Newly elected House Republicans, eager to confront the Democratic president in the White House, refused to raise the debt limit without cuts to federal spending.

Negotiations over the debt ceiling consumed Washington in 2011 — a high-stakes showdown between the Obama White House and the new generation of "tea party" House Republicans.

"Now we're getting down to the real hard stuff: I'll trade you my bicycle for your golf clubs," the chief negotiator, Vice President Joe Biden, said at the time.

But weeks of tense talks between Biden and the House Republicans collapsed that summer, sending Washington careening toward a fiscal crisis. When Republicans in Congress refused to raise the debt ceiling, the government risked a catastrophic default and suffered a devastating credit downgrade, a first in the nation's history.

Lessons learned from the debt ceiling standoff more than a decade ago are rippling through Washington, as the White House and Congress brace for another fiscal showdown — one that appears headed toward a very similar outcome. Neither Republicans nor Democrats are willing to budge.

"The whole debate is a facade," said William Gale, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Brookings Institution who wrote "Fiscal Therapy: Curing America's Debt Addiction and Investing in the Future," a book on the U.S. debt.

"That was the height of the 'tea party' stuff and they wanted to flex their muscles, but it's just such a stupid way to try to do it — because you don't really want to risk the good credit rating of the United States government," Gale said. "I suspect most of these guys already knew it."

The Treasury Department has notified Congress that it's time to again raise the nation's debt ceiling, now at $31 trillion, to allow more borrowing to pay off the country's accumulated bills. Treasury said it can start taking extraordinary measures to keep paying the bills, but the money will run out by June.

Raising the nation's debt ceiling had been a routine matter historically, a final task after Congress had authorized federal spending and appropriated the money needed to pay for the country's various programs and services.

But that all changed when the Republican tea party came to town after the 2010 election.

Saying Americans were "taxed enough already," the tea party House Republicans arrived promising to slash federal spending, using the debt ceiling vote as their political leverage.

Debt had doubled during the George W. Bush presidency and the post-9/11 wars overseas, and it skyrocketed under President Barack Obama in the aftermath of the Great Recession, teetering around $15 trillion.

At one point, Republicans were seeking $1-for-$1 tradeoffs — a dollar of spending cuts for every dollar of new borrowing. They also wanted a "cut, cap and balance" approach that would eventually curb deficits.

"We met for months," Republican Eric Cantor, the former House majority leader tasked by Speaker John Boehner to negotiate with Biden, recalled. "We all sat down. But this year, this time, President Biden is now refusing negotiate."

In the end, House Republicans could not agree on a deal with the Obama White House.

When the August 2011 deadline came to raise the debt ceiling, only an eleventh-hour agreement with Senate Republicans led by Mitch McConnell and some Democrats tasking a "Super Committee" to recommend further federal reductions ensured there would be no debt default.

Spooked by the political crisis in Washington, the credit markets downgraded the nation's credit rating for the first time, upping the costs of future borrowing.

The Biden White House appears to have drawn the conclusion that it's not worth negotiating with new House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, who won a slim GOP majority in last November's midterm elections and who may — or may not — be able to deliver the votes on any debt ceiling deal.

"Look, lowering the deficit has always been a top priority," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Monday at the White House.

"He's always said he is happy to talk to anyone who wants to deal with that in a responsible way," she said of the president. "But preventing the default is a separate matter."

McCarthy has been trying to push Biden to the table. "I think it's arrogance to say, 'Oh, we're not going to negotiate anything,'" the speaker said recently at the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., all but dared McCarthy on Monday to put the GOP's proposed spending reductions on the table. "If Republicans are talking about draconian cuts, they have an obligation to show Americans what those cuts are, and let the public react," he said.

But it's not clear if the spending cuts, which McCarthy proposed to return to fiscal 2022 levels, or any cuts, would win over his hard-right flank to raise the debt ceiling.

One major difference compared to 2011 is that "Republicans have not coalesced" around a unified position, said Rohit Kumar, who was an aide to McConnell during that showdown.

"At this point, I think it's unclear what could get 218 Republican votes in conjunction with a debt limit increase, even just as an opening bid," said Kumar, now an executive with tax services firm PwC, referring to the tally of votes typically needed to pass House legislation.

McConnell again is expected to play a pivotal role in easing the debt ceiling standoff, and some have pointed to bipartisan Senate legislation that would review spending, much the way the failed Super Committee was tasked with finding cuts after the 2011 debt ceiling showdown.

"Forget the Super Committee," Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., the GOP whip, said in a recent AP interview. "What a ridiculous outcome."

Many House Republicans were not in Congress during the 2011 debt ceiling showdown. Said Rep. Bob Good, R-Va., one of the McCarthy holdouts: "I'm certainly not focused on what happened 10 years ago."

NEWS BRIEFING

Facebook parent will no longer ban Trump's access to its platforms

From news services

SAN FRANCISCO — Just over two years after Donald Trump's accounts were suspended from Facebook and Instagram, Meta, the owner of the platforms, said Wednesday that it would reinstate the former president's access to the social media services.

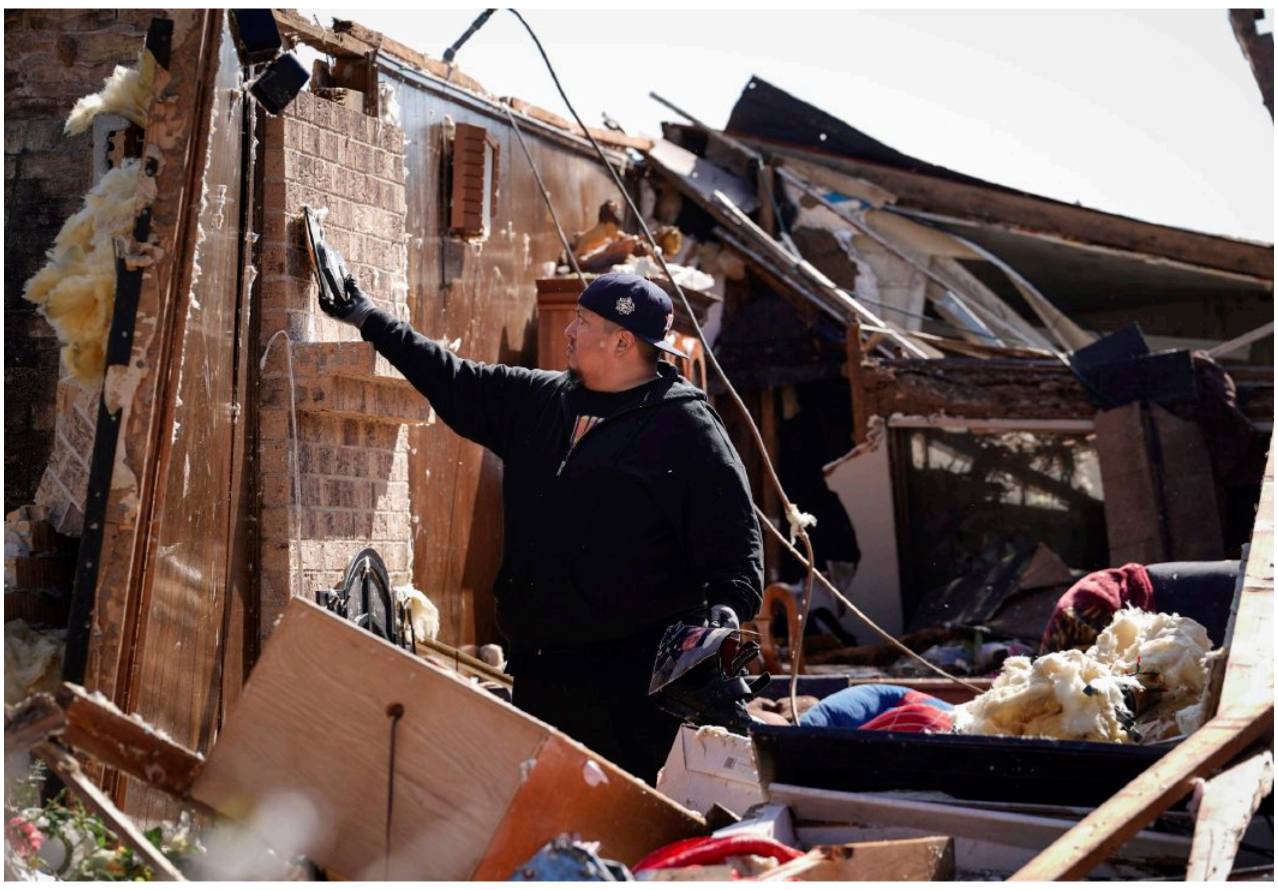
Trump, who had the most followed account on Facebook when he was barred, will in the coming weeks regain access to his accounts that collectively had hundreds of millions of followers, Meta said. In November, Trump's account was also reinstated on Twitter, which had barred him since January 2021.

Meta suspended Trump from its platforms Jan. 7, 2021, the day after hundreds of people stormed the U.S. Capitol in his name, saying his posts ran the risk of inciting more violence. Trump's accounts on other mainstream social media services, including YouTube and Twitter, were also removed that week.

But Meta, which critics have accused of censoring Trump and other conservative voices, said Wednesday that it had decided to reverse the bans because it had determined that the risk to public safety had "sufficiently receded." The company also said it would add guardrails to "deter repeat offenses."

"The public should be able to hear what their politicians are saying — the good, the bad and the ugly — so that they can make informed choices at the ballot box," said Nick Clegg, Meta's president of global affairs. "But that does not mean there are no limits to what people can say on our platform. When there is a clear risk of real-world harm — a deliberately high bar for Meta to intervene in public discourse — we act."

It is unclear whether Trump, who is seeking the White House again in 2024, will again become active on Facebook and Instagram. He has started his own social network, Truth Social, in which he has a financial stake.



Storm damage: Ernest Ayala collects items from his mother's destroyed home Wednesday in Pasadena, Texas. A powerful storm system Tuesday spawned tornadoes around Houston. The same system Wednesday dumped about six inches of snow on Detroit and is expected to bring damaging winds to Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. **YI-CHIN LEE/HOUSTON CHRONICLE**

Afghan soldier freed: A former Afghan soldier seeking U.S. asylum who was detained for months after being arrested while trying to cross the southern border has been freed from immigration detention and reunited with his brother, his attorney said Wednesday.

Abdul Wasi Safi's release from custody in Eden, Texas, came after a judge dropped an immigration charge against him at the request of federal prosecutors.

Wasi Safi fled Afghanistan following the withdrawal of U.S. forces in August 2021, fearing reprisals from the Taliban because he had provided U.S. forces with information on terrorists while working as an intelligence officer for the Afghan National Security Forces. Last summer, he began a treacherous journey from Brazil to the U.S.-Mexico border, where he was arrested in September near Eagle Pass, Texas.

On Monday, a federal judge in Del Rio, Texas, dismissed the charge after prosecutors had filed a motion asking her to do so "in the interest of justice."

Zachary Fertitta, one of his criminal defense attorneys, said Wednesday that Wasi Safi planned to speak at a news conference on Friday in Houston.

Abortion pill lawsuits: Supporters of abortion rights filed separate lawsuits Wednesday challenging two states' abortion pill restrictions, the opening salvo in what's expected to a be a protracted legal battle over access to the medications.

The lawsuits argue that limits on the drugs in North Carolina and West Virginia run afoul of the federal authority of the Food and Drug Administration, which has approved the pill as a safe and effective method for ending pregnancy.

The cases were brought by a North Carolina physician who prescribes the pill, mifepristone, and GenBioPro, which makes a generic version of the drug and sued in West Virginia.

The litigation turns on a longstanding legal principle that federal law, including FDA decisions, preempt state laws.

Ricin-laced letter: A Canadian woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to mailing a threatening letter containing the poison ricin to then-President Donald Trump at the White House.

The letter from Pascale Ferrier directing Trump to "give up and remove your application for this election," was intercepted at a mail sorting facility in September 2020, before it could reach the White House.

The 55-year-old Quebec woman also pleaded guilty to sending similar threatening letters to Texas law enforcement officials. She is expected to be sentenced in April to nearly 22 years in prison.

Cholera outbreak: Malawi's cholera outbreak has claimed more than 1,000 lives, according to the country's health minister, who warned that some cultural beliefs and hostility toward health workers were slowing efforts to curb infections.

Cholera had killed 1,002 people as of Tuesday, while 1,115 people were hospitalized from the outbreak that started last March, Minister of Health Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda said.

Last weekend, angry villagers beat up health workers and damaged a facility at the Nandumbo Health Centre in the Southern Region's Balaka district. Residents accused health workers of denying them an opportunity to conduct dignified burials.

Mideast tensions: Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian who allegedly tried to stab a soldier in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, while a Palestinian teenager was shot dead after brandishing what Israeli police said was a fake pistol during an operation in east Jerusalem, according to Palestinian officials.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the man killed as Aref Abdel Nasser Lahlouh, 20. The Israeli military said he was carrying a knife and was shot after he attempted to attack a soldier at a military post.

Earlier Wednesday, Israeli forces demolished the home of a Palestinian gunman who allegedly killed a female Israeli soldier at an east Jerusalem checkpoint last year. Police said some 300 officers and troops entered the Shuafat refugee camp to demolish the home of Uday Tamimi. Police said they opened fire on a Palestinian who they suspected was armed and aiming at forces, but the weapon turned out to be fake.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said 17-year-old Mohammed Ali was killed.

Letter bomb suspect: Spanish authorities have arrested a retired man on suspicion he sent six letters containing explosive material to Spain's prime minister and the U.S. and Ukrainian embassies in the country, police said in a statement.

The 74-year-old Spanish national was arrested in the northern city of Miranda de Ebro and was "very active" on social media, police said. They added that authorities "do not rule out the participation or influence of other people" in the case, and a search of the man's home was still underway.

An employee at the Ukrainian embassy in Madrid was slightly injured while handling a letter bomb in November.

ARTS & LIVING

Use these designer tips to create a personal retreat you'll enjoy every day. **SVETIKD/GETTY**

Make your home a personal sanctuary

Soothing decorating ideas to help your space feel stress-free

By Jessica Bennett
BHG.com

Your home is your refuge. It's where you can feel safe and relaxed when life gets overwhelming. Certain decorating choices help foster that sense of peace, and how you decorate a space can have a huge impact on how you feel while you're in it. A well-designed space filled with items you love can be calming and relieve stress, while cluttered rooms can have the opposite effect on your mood and mental health.

We asked some of our favorite interior designers for their tips on how to transform your home into a personal sanctuary. These decorating ideas will help you create a soothing, stress-free environment you'll enjoy every day.

1. Start with a neutral palette.

Muted, neutral tones are easier on the eye than bright colors. "While I'm definitely one for decorating with color because it can be fun and exciting, I do believe that neutral spaces promote the calmest, sanctuary-like vibes," interior designer Karin Bohn says.

When decorating with white or light-toned neutrals (such as cream, off-white or taupe), use plenty of texture to create interest. Flat white walls and smooth white furnishings can readily blend into boredom, so layer in a variety of fabrics and subtle patterns. Add shades of warmth, such as gold, pale tan or faded yellow, to keep white from looking too sterile.

2. Create a cluster of color.

For a punch of happiness and positivity, add in a few brightly colored accessories such as pillows or throws, suggest Meghan Hackett-Cassidy and Erin Hackett of Hackett Interiors. Pottery in a favorite color, vibrant artwork, a jewel-tone vase and other items with intense color can help attract the eye and focus the mind.

Maximize the comforting effect of favorite accessories by clustering them together to create a focal point. That way, every time you pass by, you can take in the collective joy of the items.

3. Warm an area with candles.

The soft glow of candles adds a sense of ease to any space, so use them generously throughout your house. "In the morning, I like to light candles in the kitchen and living room and let them burn until evening," says interior designer Jade Joyner. "It creates a soothing ambiance while adding a little luxe to my day."

4. Work with light.

Utilize a variety of lighting types (including natural, ambient and task lighting) in every room. "Having a bright, lighted room is an easy way to make a space feel more inviting and put together," interior designer Sara Barney says. "Consider adding in some sconces, a floor lamp, desk lamp or pendants to bring more light to those darker spaces in your home."

During the daytime, take advantage of natural light by throwing back the blinds and enjoying the sunlight that floods in. Then create a lighting scheme for the evening hours that's just as appealing as nature's rays with bulbs that cast a gentle, warm light.

5. Bring the outdoors in.

A bunch of flowers, an arrangement of branches or a few houseplants can all bring a breath of fresh air into a room. "It can be as simple as gathering a bunch of branches from a tree in your backyard and popping them in a vase," says designer Linda Eyles. For an easy, spa-inspired centerpiece, Eyles suggests filling a wide, shallow bowl about halfway with water and floating some of your favorite blooms on the surface.

6. Soak away stress.

Make your bathroom function for both practical and pampering needs. Create a spa-like atmosphere with simple additions like a stack of fluffy towels or a few candles, then take advantage of the space to soak away stress with a bath. "Clear out the kids' toys, grab your favorite book and take back the bathroom as your own for a few quiet moments of solitude," suggests interior designer Kate Lester. Warm colors, soft lighting and soothing music can add to the experience.

7. Create a relaxing bedroom.

Improve your sleep quality (and the quality of your waking hours) by making your bedroom a sanctuary. "After a long day, there is nothing more soothing than slipping into crisp, clean, high-thread-count sheets," Lester says. "Invest in a set, and every evening it will feel like you are relaxing at your favorite luxury hotel."

To extend the calming effect beyond your bed, keep only the essentials within reach and within view. Decorate walls in colors that comfort you, and add only artwork that makes you smile. Cover the floor with rugs or carpeting that feels best on bare feet.

8. Organize away chaos.

Chaos breeds anxiety, so think of getting organized as prepping for calm to come. "I'm a firm believer that a space with lots of knick-knacks, or just disorganization, creates visual tension and physical stress," says Bohn. If your space is teeming with stuff, start the path to organization by focusing on a single space, such as the place where you enter the house. Recruit everyone in the household to participate in clearing clutter, starting at the door.

Once you've cleared one room of clutter, shift your focus to the next space. "Organize your living room by adding an oversized basket in the corner for throw blankets or toys," suggests interior designer Abbe Fenimore. "Not only will it feel satisfying to manage the mess, but it will add a little extra space to the room."

Traditional touches give homes a little formality

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Modern, sleek decor isn't for everyone. For many, a touch of formality or other traditional elements is the ultimate in luxury.

Creating a traditional feel doesn't have to overwhelm a space or feel outdated. Touches of tradition can be elegant and elevate a space to feel timeless rather than trendy.

Where do you start? And where do you save versus splurge? Here are some top tips.

Things you should do

1. Do blend old with new. Try pairing antiques with more modern elements.

2. Do source locally. Your local antique shop, flea market or estate sale can be a wonderful source for traditional furniture and other decor.

3. Do incorporate heirloom pieces or other items that have personal or sentimental meaning.

4. Do consider adding one-of-a-kind elements such as original murals or artwork.

5. Do use furniture elements with traditional details such as nailheads and tufted upholstery.

Things you shouldn't do

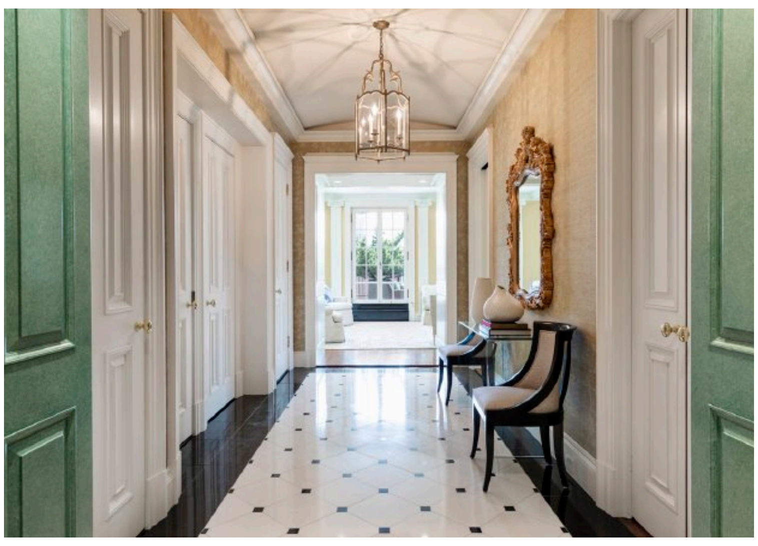
1. Don't cover up or conceal original detail. Highlight historical details such as original wood.

2. Don't ignore traditional finishes such as marble and granite if you're looking for finishes that will feel timeless.

3. Don't use elements that are considered dated or old-fashioned.

4. Don't oversaturate a room with too much color. Muted, understated tones often evoke more tradition and elegance.

5. Don't ignore the power of mirrors. Large mirrors can not only help to make a room feel large and airy but also can be used as a focal point and key design element.



Marble flooring adds a traditional touch to a formal entryway. **COURTESY**

CELEBRITIES

Hilton becomes first-time mom

From news services

Paris Hilton, left, and husband Carter Reum have welcomed their first child, a boy. **RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION 2021**

Socialite and reality TV star Paris Hilton has welcomed her first child with her husband, venture capitalist Carter Reum.

Hilton took to Instagram on Tuesday and posted a photo that seems to show the 41-year-old new mom holding her baby boy's tiny hand.

"You are already loved beyond words," she wrote, adding a blue heart emoji.

The heiress did not say when her baby was born or provide further details, including a name.

"It's always been my dream to be a mother and I'm so happy that Carter and I found each other. We are so excited to start our family together and our hearts are exploding with love for our baby boy," she said.

The baby boy is Hilton's first child, while Reum shares a 10-year-old daughter with reality star Laura Bellizzi.

Best wishes flooded in from Hilton's famous friends, including Kim Kardashian, Chrissy Teigen, Lindsay Lohan, Demi Lovato, Rosario Dawson, Poppy Delevingne, Ashley Tisdale, Naomi Campbell and Heidi Klum.

Panic! at the Disco to disband: Longtime Panic! at the Disco frontman Brendon Urie announced Tuesday via Instagram that the pop-rock band will soon "be no more" after nearly two decades of music. The singer also had some happy news to share: He and his wife, Sarah Urie, are expecting their first child.

"Well, it's been a hell of a journey," Urie said. "Growing up in Vegas I could've never imagined where this life would take me. So many places all over the world, and all the friends we've made along the way."

In order to devote his "focus and energy" to his growing family, the musician, 35, added that he intends to bring this chapter of his life to a close by disbanding Panic!

Urie formed Panic! at the Disco in 2004 with Ryan Ross on guitar, Brent Wilson on bass and Spencer Smith on drums. Over the years, the original members left the band until only Urie remained. He has performed under the moniker essentially as a solo act since 2015.

Devine to reign as king of Mardi Gras parade: One of Mardi Gras' signature carnival krewes will be led this year by actor and comedian Adam Devine.

Devine, of Waterloo, Iowa, will reign as Bacchus LIV, king of the 2023 Krewe of Bacchus, which will roll through the streets of New Orleans on Feb. 19. Mardi Gras culminates Feb. 21.

Bacchus' 54th parade will feature 21 theme floats, including Mr. Potato Head, Mr. Coffee and Mr. Mardi Gras.

Bieber sells music catalog: Justin Bieber is selling his entire music catalog to Hipgnosis Songs Capital for more than $200 million. According to Billboard, the sale includes all 290 songs Bieber's released through Dec. 31, 2021, including his most recent album, "Justice." The deal represents the largest acquisition for Hipgnosis yet.

Jan. 26 birthdays: Sportscaster Bob Uecker is 89. Actor Scott Glenn is 84. Singer Jean Knight is 80. Singer Anita Baker is 65. Comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 65. Keyboardist Charlie Gillingham is 63. Guitarist Andrew Ridgeley is 60. Actor Paul Johansson is 59. Singer Kirk Franklin is 53. Actor Gilles Marini is 47. Actor Sara Rue is 44.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Adult can't afford aging mom's care facility

Dear Amy: I have three siblings. I am the oldest — 10 years older than my next sibling. My wife and I are now in our mid-70s. We are retired and live on Social Security, her modest teacher's pension and a six-figure nest egg.

Two of my siblings have large incomes and considerable real-estate holdings. Another brother and his wife have professional jobs. All the grandchildren in the family are now adults and on their own.

The controversy involves my 100-year-old mother, who lives in the East near my siblings in an expensive care facility. We live in another part of the country. My siblings insist that we share the cost in equal measure.

We have offered to care for my mother in our home at no cost to them, but they have rejected the offer.

I believe that contributions should be based on individual circumstances and ability to pay. The disagreement has caused a rift. Is there a solution?

— Stuck in Stalemate

Dear Stuck: Moving your 100-year-old mother to another part of the country to live in your home does not seem like a viable option for anyone, especially her. If she is happy and doing well where she is, she should stay there.

I agree with you that siblings should contribute to an elder's care according to their circumstances and ability to pay. When your siblings chose to move your mother into this expensive home, you should have made it clear at the outset that this was unaffordable for you.

Given your older age and more modest assets, you need to be careful with your own spending, and your younger siblings may not quite grasp how for many people retirement brings on an extreme drop in income, along with the possibility of increased expenses.

This is a "you can't get blood from a stone" situation, but you should offer to be of service to your mother in order to share the burden with your siblings. At the very least, you could offer to come to the area to be with your mother when your siblings need to be away.

Dear Amy: I've known "Stacy" for 10 years. Not too long ago, Stacy had to move to another city because she was catfishing several people and it turned into a huge mess.

Recently she has been behaving in ways that are out of character. I have noticed that every time she and I go somewhere together, a guy who is not her husband comes along.

She and I have identical cellphone covers on our phones, and recently when she and I were together, I accidentally picked up her phone and saw a very explicit message from this other guy on her phone.

I think she is catfishing people again. Should I say something to her?

— Very Confused in Missouri

Dear Very Confused: You mention that your friend "Stacy" is behaving in a way that is out of character, but your description of her current behavior actually seems to be consistent with her character.

To clarify, "catfishing" is the practice of someone pretending to be someone else online, in order to "fish for" — and catch — unsuspecting people who are most often looking for a romantic relationship.

The catfish is a predator who victimizes people, sometimes scamming money from them and almost always creating an entirely false romance with them. This is emotional as well as financial larceny.

Catfishing can become something of an addiction for perpetrators, who may get a rush from the power of these entanglements, in addition to financial gain.

Stacy is always showing up with a man who is not her husband. You saw an explicit text message on her phone that you find disturbing. She has a history of being a catfish.

Yes, you should ask her what she is up to. Prepare yourself for her answer.

Dear Amy: I love the answers that people use responding to intrusive questions, when these answers shut the conversation down.

I have one grown son who I could not love more. He is my only child, and I often get asked why I didn't have more children.

It was not my choice, and I don't like discussing it with people I barely know, so I tell them, "Because I got it right the first time." That stops any further questions.

— Satisfied

Dear Satisfied: Perfect.

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Sitcoms welcome back age of pre-prestige TV

Comedy revivals look to mimic, not make over originals

By Robert Lloyd
Los Angeles Times

Melissa Rauch, from left, John Larroquette and India de Beaufort in the new "Night Court." **NBC**

Callie Haverda, from left, Ashley Aufderheide and Maxwell Acee Donovan in "That '90s Show." **NETFLIX**

It's impossible to generalize about television except to say that there's too much of it, but here and there, in a small way, we seem to be experiencing something of a neoclassical phase.

Reheating old series and seasoning them to modern tastes — often to make them darker, more psychologically acute or self-satirical — has been common practice for a while. But there is also a move to mimic and honor the forms and ambitions of pre-prestige television, made less to impress or elevate than to entertain.

A show like the CBS series "So Help Me Todd," with Marcia Gay Harden as an attorney and Skylar Astin as her investigator son, could easily have been mounted in the 1960s or '70s; "Poker Face," with Natasha Lyonne, though identifiably of its time, takes structural cues from "Columbo" and "The Fugitive."

The revivals of two popular comedies born in late 20th-century broadcast television had their debuts recently. "Night Court," which ran from 1984 to 1992, is again on NBC; "That '90s Show," a sequel to "That '70s Show," which aired on Fox from 1998 to 2006, dropped on Netflix. Each features at least one old cast member; each re-creates the old sets; each is, as before, a multicamera comedy; and neither is out to do more than capture whatever it was that made their progenitors so popular, to not fix what wasn't broken. Whether this will work on a contemporary audience, whoever that might be — older generations looking for a hit of the past or younger ones ready for something new that's something old — is a separate question.

The original "Night Court" starred Harry Anderson as Harry Stone, a young, irreverent judge working the night shift in Manhattan's Municipal Court. In the new show, the late actor's bench and gavel are newly taken over by Melissa Rauch, who also developed the revival, as Stone's daughter Abby.

As former assistant District Attorney Dan Fielding, Emmy winner John Larroquette is the original series' sole representative — and a joy to watch — transformed by time from a narcissistic womanizer into a merely misanthropic widower. Having become a process server, he's drafted by Abby in the opening episode to be her courtroom's one and only public defender, which makes no great sense yet suits the whimsical nature of this satisfying show, which successfully realizes the essence, the rhythms and the gentle humor of a 1980s sitcom.

India de Beaufort steps into Larroquette's old shoes as assistant DA Olivia, whose low self-esteem flips her predecessor's self-love. The team is filled out by Kapil Talwalkar as Abby's moony clerk, Neil, and Lacretta as "Gurgs," her jovial bailiff.

Once again, there's no attempt to model the business of any actual courtroom or judicial system; indeed, the characters often interrupt official business to deal with their own. The setting, with its invariably strange, quickly dispatched cases, provides a platform for a variety of comic bits, but the point of the show is how the staff gets on together — the theme of most situation comedies. To the extent that any lessons are learned, it will not be by anyone who comes before Judge Stone, but by her colleagues, who are children in grown-up clothing.

Young people wearing the old clothes of formerly young people are at the center of "That '90s Show," which, like "That '70s Show," is "Happy Days" with drugs and sex.

Though the age of experimentation trends lower with time, as the clothes and hair and the mode of the music change, teenage shenanigans, awkwardness and ignorance remain fundamentally the same — which makes "That '90s Show" very much of a piece with its predecessor, substituting techno for disco and sneaking off to a rave for sneaking off to a rock concert. Episodes in the new and old show alike concern acquiring a tap to get beer out of a lucked-into keg. And they are still smoking pot, though, again, this is implied (the signature "circle" scenes are back) rather than shown — an aesthetic choice now, rather than a network mandate.

Although the stars of the first show (notably minus the legally embroiled Danny Masterson) are present at one point or another, apart from Debra Jo Rupp and Kurtwood Smith, they are bit players. Once again, we are in Point Place, Wisconsin, mostly in the kitchen, driveway and basement of grumpy Red (Smith) and doting Kitty (Rupp) Forman. Son Eric (Topher Grace) and wife Donna (Laura Prepon) are visiting from Chicago with daughter Leia (Callie Haverda).

Leia meets next-door neighbor Gwen (Ashley Aufderheide), determines that she needs to become her best friend and talks her parents into letting her spend the summer with her grandparents. In the bargain, she inherits Gwen's crew, including her jock half-brother Nate (Maxwell Acee Donovan); her brother's brainy girlfriend, Nikki (Sam Morelos); acerbic Ozzie (Reyn Doi); and hunky Jay (Mace Coronel), the son of on-again-off-again couple Kelso (Ashton Kutcher) and Jackie (Mila Kunis).

The scripts, in classic Fox style, do not spare the sex jokes, the body part jokes or the bodily function jokes. Rupp is funny whatever she's given to say, and though Kutcher and Kunis are in and out in a flash, the returning players seem to be having the same good time they seemed to be having the first time around. And Wilmer Valderrama, as the Fez, now a star hairdresser, makes a particular meal out of his relatively substantial appearances.

The new cast trends younger than their "That '70s Show" counterparts, and taken as a whole lack their physical weight and maturity, which can give the series the flavor of a dedicated "teen sitcom"; at times, it's like watching the best actors from half a dozen high school drama departments, which I mean in the best way.

The kids obsess over flannel. (That is as grunge as it gets.) There are references to Donkey Kong, Sheryl Crow, summer reruns, the Miata, Jay Leno, "Clerks," Ricki Lake, Sassy magazine, Bill Clinton on "Arsenio," dial-up modems and "Beverly Hills 90210," which prompts a fantasy parody and a funny cameo from Brian Austin Green.

Whether those cultural callbacks will mean anything to viewers who knew them firsthand, I couldn't say, but I can't recall that the cultural references in the earlier version, whose characters inhabited my generational timeline, ever felt like a reason to watch "That '70s Show."

Kids happy to spend time with good-looking peers cutting up while dressed in their parents' clothes may find this just their — what do they say nowadays? — jam. But to anyone interested in a sharper picture of young people in the last years of the last century, let me direct you to Freevee's "High School." And "My So-Called Life," actually made in the '90s, is streaming, in all its single-season glory, on Hulu.

Flannel is included.

Denmark's colorful history

In a land of blending in, this decor dares to stand out

By Chantel Tattoli
The New York Times

When Nicholas Manville started a job as the creative director at Danish silverware maker Georg Jensen, he knew Denmark had a decorative history that was less subdued than the neutral palettes and minimalist interiors that have come to characterize decor in both the country and the larger Scandinavian region.

Vikings who lived in the area used a rainbow of colors — red, blue, yellow, green, pink, purple — when making textiles, shields and ship sails thousands of years ago. Centuries later, Danish architect Verner Panton made vibrant shades of orange and violet a hallmark of his furniture and interiors.

Even Arne Jacobsen, the architect and interior designer whose midcentury modern Egg and Swan chairs advanced the minimalist style of decorating, occasionally favored maximalist elements of Denmark's past. Jacobsen made the Egg and Swan chairs in 1958 as part of a project to design the original interiors at the SAS Royal Hotel in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he decorated rooms in teal bedspreads and curtains with a graphic pattern of semicircles. (As Manville put it, Jacobsen's vision for the hotel did not include "a white room.")

But after Manville, 50, moved to Copenhagen in 2017, he saw scant evidence of this bolder decorative tradition. He recalled thinking, "Where did it all go?"

When he was at Georg Jensen, which was founded in 1904, he began an initiative to reproduce the company's stainless-steel Koppel pitcher in cobalt blue, pistachio green and other colors, all of which were released last year. Finding the right palette took time, said Manville, who now oversees the home division at Moda Operandi, an online luxury goods retailer. The colors ultimately chosen for the pitcher came from original product sketches done in the 1950s.

Georg Jensen introduced the colorful Koppel pitchers as other heritage Danish brands started to offer their own vibrant takes on classic pieces. Louis Poulsen, a lighting maker, released its PH 5 pendant lamp in new pastels in September, about three years after it introduced the lamp in orange and green hues. And in 2020, china manufacturer Lyngby released its Rhombe pattern, a style created in 1961, in colors including cobalt blue, mustard yellow and pink.

A resurgence in bold Danish decor has been even more noticeable in emerging brands, whose founders described their work as an antidote to the subdued sensibility that has long pervaded their culture. In Denmark and other Scandinavian countries, a conduct code known as janteloven encourages blending in over standing out.

"Denmark had become this decorative no-go land," said Arne Jensen, a drapery designer who started his line, Arne Aksel, in 2017. "We've been in a white or gray or beige box for what — 20, 25 years? I think people have had enough."

Jensen, 59, specializes in floor-to-ceiling curtains in sumptuous textiles (satin, corduroy, velvet) that are sold in colors including maroon, yellow-gold and a rich-looking green called "money."

Helle Mardahl, who in 2018 started a namesake line of vases, tableware, lamps and other decorative objects made of sherbet-colored blown glass, said her pieces were the opposite of the decor in the house where she grew up in Ballerup, Denmark.

"It was as simple as possible, and I became fed up with all the white," said Mardahl, 46, who lives in Copenhagen. Starting her line of sculptural, bulbous glassware, she added, was an attempt "to try to get something new into the industry."

The same could be said for Reflections Copenhagen, which sells surrealist mirrors shaped like lips and eyes as well as candleholders, bookends and tables made of vividly colored crystal. While Denmark is known for producing blown glassware, "there's no tradition here of fine crystal, and certainly not fun crystal," said Andrea Larsson, 50, who started the company with Julie Hugau in 2015. (Hugau left the business in 2020.)

In the fall, Reflections expanded its wares to include porcelain plates in multicolor patterns. That same season, Akua, a company in Copenhagen that designs colorful blown-glass pieces made on the island of Murano near Venice, Italy, debuted its first collection.

"Emotions are rarely minimalistic or muted, and our designs reflect that," said Annika Agerled, 30, who oversees design at Akua, which she founded with Josefine Arthur. Agerled noted that younger decor brands like hers had followed in the footsteps of Hay, a Danish company founded in 2002 that offers a range of playful home furnishings designed by various makers. (In 2019, American furniture conglomerate Herman Miller acquired a majority ownership stake in Hay.)

Herle Jarlgaard, who in 2018 started online home goods retailer FindersKeepers in Copenhagen with Rasmus Edlund, said that some of Denmark's emerging decorative artists introduced their lines after contemporary Danish fashion labels like Henrik Vibskov, Stine Goya and Ganni started making pieces that favored bright prints and patterns over monochrome palettes.

Such clothes helped to spur an "outbreak of self-expression," said Jarlgaard, 35. "Women who'd always just worn light or dark layers put on flowing floral dresses. They looked so free!"

Some decorative artists have shown that it is even possible to make eye candy using white, the shade other Danish makers described as synonymous with minimalism. Trine Bond, who started a ceramics line called Claybybond in 2020, cited the white cliff side of Stevns Klint, a natural landmark near her studio overlooking the harbor in Rodvig, Denmark, as an inspiration for her pieces, which look like naturally formed chunks of coral.

She said her work was not a wholesale rejection of the Danish minimalist aesthetic. "I was brought up in that school, and I have both sides in me," said Bond, 57, whose father, Jorn Bond, was an architect who had worked under Jacobsen, the Egg and Swan chair designer.

There's still "big respect" for minimalism, she added. "But we got boring."

Blown-glass vases designed by Helle Mardahl, pictured above and below, are displayed in Copenhagen.
HELLE MARDAHL PHOTOS

Doc delving into investigation of court justice made under secrecy

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

A new documentary looks into the sexual misconduct allegations against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and raises questions about the depth of the FBI investigation in 2018. "Justice," from filmmaker Doug Liman, recently debuted at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah to a sold-out theater surrounded by armed guards.

The film, made under intense secrecy, focuses on allegations made by Kavanaugh's Yale classmate Deborah Ramirez that were detailed in a New Yorker article in 2018. Ramirez alleged that at a gathering with friends when she was a freshman in 1983, Kavanaugh pulled down his pants and thrust his penis at her. Kavanaugh has denied those claims. "Justice" also plays a taped recording of a tip given to the FBI from another Yale classmate, Max Stier, that describes a similar incident never investigated.

The Stier report was previously detailed in 2019 by New York Times reporters Robin Pogebrin and Kate Kelly as part of their book "The Education of Brett Kavanaugh: An Investigation." But the details of it came under scrutiny. After the story was posted online but before it was in the print edition, the Times revised the story to add that the book reported that the woman supposedly involved in the incident declined to be interviewed and that her friends say she doesn't recall the incident.

Stier was not directly interviewed for the film and declined the filmmakers' request to comment on the contents. An unnamed person whose voice was manipulated for anonymity provided the Stier tape to the filmmakers.

Kavanaugh was sworn in as the 114th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2018 after a narrow 50-48 roll call following a wrenching debate over sexual misconduct. He strenuously denied the allegations of Christine Blasey Ford, who says he sexually assaulted her when they were teens.

Many people referenced in the film, from Kavanaugh to several of Ramirez's friends who were allegedly there, declined to speak or never responded to the filmmakers' requests.

"Justice" is especially critical of the FBI investigation that took place after the hearings. Through FOIA requests, the filmmakers found that there were some 4,500 tips sent to the tipline that went uninvestigated.

One of Ramirez's friends from Yale who was interviewed for the film provided text messages in which a mutual friend admits to being contacted by "Kavanaugh's people" and participated in the narrative that Ramirez didn't remember things correctly.

Blasey Ford appears in new footage only in the first several moments of "Justice," asking Liman, a filmmaker known for "Swingers" and "The Bourne Identity," why he was making this film — a question that he doesn't quite answer.

In a Q&A after the film at Sundance, Liman said he was simply outraged after watching her testimony in 2018. The making of the film was shrouded in secrecy. Everyone signed nondisclosure agreements, Liman said, and they had code names for those who agreed to participate. He said that people are "terrified" and that those who came forward are "heroes."

Most of the focus is on telling Ramirez's story — where she came from, how she ended up at Yale and what kind of person she is and was. Several academics specializing in trauma, as well as lawyers, help explain why memory of traumatic events is reliably fractured and how those gaps can be weaponized by prosecutors. As many of the lawyers in the film say, the stakes are whether or not Kavanaugh perjured himself under oath.

Asked what he wants to happen when audiences see "Justice," Liman said, "I kind of feel like the job ends with the film and what happens afterwards is beyond my control."

Standing beside him, his producer Amy Hardy said she disagreed. Hardy said she hopes it triggers outrage and leads to "a real investigation with subpoena powers."

Misconduct allegations against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh are examined in "Justice." **DOUG MILLS/POOL 2019**

ASK THE BUILDER

Should you use foam insulation?

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

A new home is being built on my street. I've visited the job site countless times to check on the progress and to observe the quality of the workmanship. So far I've recorded nearly 40 videos showing mistakes and shortfalls. You can view the videos on my website, www.askthebuilder.com/new-house-build-video-playlist. Days ago, the insulation that was put in the wall cavities. It's closed-cell foam.

Thirty-seven years ago, I was the first person in Cincinnati to install foam insulation in a residential large room addition project. The homeowner was in the poultry business, supplying succulent chickens to the best restaurants and butcher shops in greater Cincinnati. He had deep experience with foam insulation because it was used to insulate all his refrigeration equipment and cold rooms at the factory.

This forward-thinking customer insisted on foam insulation. Who was I to challenge him? It turned out excellent. The foam sealed all air leaks that normal fiberglass insulation methods could not.

Air infiltration is a silent energy thief. Even my own current home suffers from this wretched disease. (It's important for you to realize I didn't build the home I currently occupy.)

The walls of my customer's room addition were all two-by-sixes, and he insisted the foam be sprayed to fill the entire cavity. Once the foam hardened, it was shaved smooth to the face of the studs. These fully filled foam walls also helped make the walls stiff. There was no way the walls would rack out of square with the rigid foam in between the studs. Decades later, our industry would see similar wall characteristics once structural insulated wall panels (SIPs) became mainstream. SIPs were invented, believe it or not, in the 1930s by the Forest Products Laboratory.

The most important thing to consider when comparing any insulation material against another is the R-factor per inch. Most closed-cell foams have an R-factor of 6 or 6.5 per inch of thickness. The pink fiberglass that might be in your walls is between 2 and 3 R-factor per inch. If you put in the same R-factor in a wall no matter the material, the thermal performance will be the same; all insulation does is slow the movement of heat. Heat travels to cold. Never forget these things as you evaluate what insulation to use.

What are the negative aspects of foam insulation? I visited the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) website. On its FAQ page, you'll find great information. The SPFA readily admits that foams emit chemical compounds and odors into the air. Some studies show that the release of volatile organic compounds are minimal after the foam has cured. Yet, as we all should know by now, different studies can produce widely varying results. If you're chemically sensitive, you best be very careful.

The next biggest negative in my opinion is the cost. Keep in mind that trying to calculate a return on investment (ROI) is harder than trying to roll a boulder up Mount Washington. It's a complex multivariate problem. But using a small amount of common sense, you can determine if you'll ever break even using foam insulation over the baseline fiberglass batts.

I decided to price out the insulation cost of the house that's being built just down the street from me. The house has two stories with a total of 2,560 square feet of living area. It's got 2,482 square feet of wall area that requires insulation. Keep in mind these prices are from January, and the annual inflation rate at this time is north of 5%. The current price to install traditional fiberglass batts and a plastic vapor barrier is $3,917. The price for closed-cell foam that's the exact same R-value as the fiberglass is $12,410. The price for a hybrid system of foam plus fiberglass to fill the two-by-six wall cavity is $9,679.

All three systems would have the same R-value and heat loss or heat gain. The only difference is any heat loss attributed to air infiltration. Air infiltration can vary wildly but modern construction methods where a tape is applied over the seams of the exterior sheathing as well as around all windows and doors keeps it to a minimum.

Let's assume you pay $4,000 a year to heat your home and that air infiltration with a fiberglass system costs you an extra 5%. At $200 per year, it would take my new neighbors about 40 years to break even using spray foam in their house! It really pays to think these decisions through!

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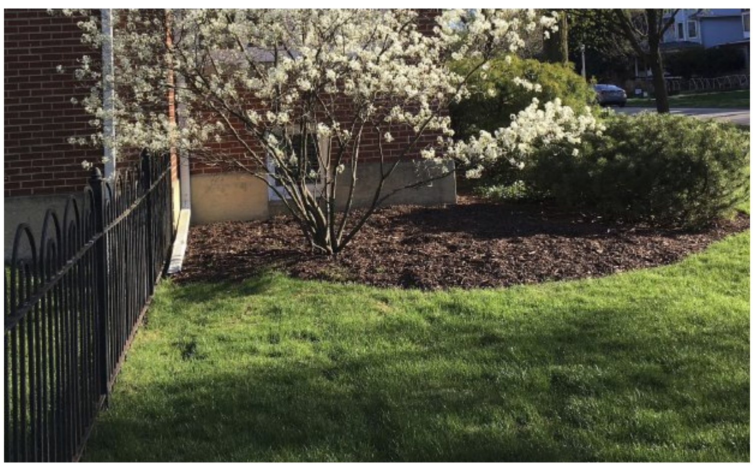

In any garden plan, one of the most important considerations is the way sunlight and shadows fall in different parts of the yard at all times of the growing season. **BETH BOTTS**

Plan your spring garden in advance with these tips

By Beth Botts
For Chicago Tribune

One of the most important tasks for a successful garden is perfect for gray, gloomy winter days: planning.

"Doing basic homework now will prepare you to work effectively once spring comes and it's finally time to get outdoors," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Whether you're starting a new garden or refining one you've been working on for years, following some basic planning steps will get you off to a good start.

Start with the space: Don't begin by browsing colorful plant catalogs or websites. "Choosing plants is the last step," Janoski said. "First, you need to know about the site where those plants will have to grow." Once you've investigated your site, you'll be able to select the kinds of plants that will have the best chance of growing there successfully.

Measure: Figure out how much space is available. Measuring can be easier in winter, without foliage blocking your view. Assess not just your growing space, but the other features of the yard: paths, patios, driveways, swing sets, sheds. Use your measurements to sketch a rough site plan. "It doesn't need to be pretty," she said. "It just needs to give you information to work with." If you have the plat of survey for your home, it's a good basis for a garden plan.

Allow for people: Think about what outdoor activities you need to set aside space for, such as playing, barbecuing and eating. Consider views that you'd like to embrace, such as a neighbor's rose garden or a bird feeder from inside the kitchen, as well as things you'd rather not see, such as garbage cans or air conditioning compressors.

Think about sun: Since light is essential for plants, the amount of daily sunlight that reaches the soil of your garden site is critical. Figure out whether it is in full sun (six or more hours of full sun a day), part sun (four to six hours) or shade (less than four). Most likely, there will be different amounts of sunlight in various areas of your yard. Watch to see how shadows fall from buildings, fences, trees, and other objects. Light patterns can shift quite a bit from winter to summer as the angle of the sun changes. It's best to observe your garden through a whole growing season to locate its areas of sun and shade.

Allow for shade from trees: Mark not just where the trunks are but how far the branches extend, so you know where they will cast shade when they are full of leaves. "Bear in mind that as trees grow, the area of shade they cast will grow too," Janoski said. It's a good idea to identify each tree's species and learn about it so you know how large it could grow in the future.

Check out your soil: The texture and chemistry of your soil will limit which plants you can grow. Take some samples to learn your soil's properties, and consider getting a professional soil test.

Plan for vegetables and herbs: Make sure a site for a vegetable garden is in full sun. Tomatoes and peppers will need eight hours of daily sunlight. Today, most vegetable gardeners used raised beds, which you can buy or build. Decide where you will put them — where they will get the required sun but not interfere with walkways and other uses for the yard. Make sure your vegetable garden is near a faucet because you will be doing a lot of watering.

Choose the right plants: The better your plants are suited to the conditions of your site, the more likely they are to thrive. "Let your conditions guide you to the right plants," Janoski said. For example, if you have a site with alkaline, clay soil in part shade and you'd like a spring-flowering shrub, you could choose between flowering quince, viburnum, and a number of other species. The Plant Clinic can help with plant selection.

Group plants by need: You will have less work to do if you place plants that have similar needs together. For example, group plants that need regular watering near the outdoor faucet. For a dry, sunny spot, choose only drought-tolerant plants.

Learn more: "The more you learn about your site and your plants, the better decisions you will be able to make," she said. Consult the Arboretum's plant advice at mortonarb.org/trees-and-plants. Learn more about designing a garden at mortonarb.org/landscape-design.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (630-719-2424, mortonarb.org/plant-clinic, or plant-clinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

GARDEN Q&A

Pothos plants are great for beginning gardeners

By Tim Johnson
For Chicago Tribune

Pothos plants work well in hanging baskets, plants stands and bookshelves. **RJ CARLSON/CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN**

I am looking for a recommendation of an easy-to-grow houseplant to start out with at home. Hope to have success with my first foray into growing houseplants.
— Leticia Brooks, Evanston

Pothos are tropical vining plants that are easy to care for, so will make a great choice for you. There are different cultivars of pothos, which will give you a variety of foliage colors and patterns to choose from, but all lack flowers, so you grow them for foliage. Pothos are also readily available to purchase. They tolerate a wide range of interior environments and perform well in bright, indirect light as well as lower light conditions, giving you a lot of flexibility in where you can grow them at home. If you purchase a heavily variegated cultivar, it may not grow as well in low light or may lose its variegation if the light is too low — especially if the variegation is white. Only the green parts of the leaves can make energy for the plant, so it must be able to get enough light for energy or its growth will slow or the leaves will compensate for the lack of light by increasing the amount of green in the leaves. As an additional benefit, pothos plants help improve indoor air quality. They do not do well in direct sunlight though. Pothos plants are poisonous and can cause irritation and vomiting if eaten, as they contain calcium oxalates. The sap from the plant's leaves and stems may cause highly sensitive people to break out in a rash.

Pothos vines do not cling to trellises and supports on their own, but they may be trained onto supports to give the appearance of twining. If you are growing them in a pot, prune them as necessary to control their growth. Pothos work well in hanging baskets, plants stands and bookshelves. Use any growing medium formulated for containers or houseplants when you need to repot your pothos. Pothos plants tolerate moderate periods of dry conditions, so let the growing medium dry out before watering again. Plan to water more often when the plants are in brighter light and less often in lower light conditions. Leaves that start to yellow and black stems both indicate overwatering, while wilting signals underwatering. You may fertilize your pothos plant once every one to three months for faster growth, but most gardeners get sufficient plant growth with very little fertilizer.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org. Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

What to watch

THURSDAY

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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Poker Face

Peacock ■ New Series

Rian Johnson (Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery) is creator, writer, director and executive producer of this mystery-of-the-week series (with each of the 10 hourlong episodes featuring a self-contained puzzle) that re-creates the feel of a classic detective show. Natasha Lyonne, who is also an EP, plays Charlie, a woman with an extraordinary ability to determine when someone is lying. She hits the road in her '69 Plymouth Barracuda, and at every stop she encounters a new cast of characters and strange crimes that she can't help but solve, armed with little more than her special talent for deciphering deception. The various guest stars featured in the stand-alone stories include Adrien Brody, Benjamin Bratt, Chloe Sevigny, Clea DuVall, Ellen Barkin, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Judith Light, Lil Rel Howery, Luis Guzman, Nick Nolte, Rhea Perlman, Tim Meadows and many others. The first four episodes are available today; new episodes drop Thursdays.

'Poker Face'

PEACOCK

Figure Skating: U.S. Championships

USA Network, 6 to 8 p.m.
& 9 to 11 p.m. Live

Earlier in the evening, USA and Peacock offer coverage of the rhythm dance championship; later in the evening is coverage of the women's short program championship.

NBA Basketball

TNT, Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Live

TNT's Thursday night NBA doubleheader has the New York Knicks at the Boston Celtics and the Dallas Mavericks at the Phoenix Suns.

Walker

The CW, 7 p.m.

In "Blinded by the Light," Cordell (Jared Padalecki) is tipped off that Grey Flag may still have him as their prime suspect.

Walker Independence

The CW, 8 p.m.

In "All In," as a dust storm descends upon Independence, Abby (Katherine McNamara) and Tom (Greg Hovanessian) find themselves desperate for shelter.

Nikki Bella Says I Do

E!, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

This four-part special follows WWE superstar Nikki Bella and Dancing With the Stars champion Artem Chigvintsev as they prepare to walk down the aisle. This major moment is not without challenges as the bride and groom navigate parenthood with their son, Matteo, plan a wedding, throw a joint bachelor and bachelorette party, find a wedding dress and choose the right venue all while holding on to hope that Artem's family from Russia will make it to this event.

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

NBC, 8 p.m.

In "Blood Out," as Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and Carisi (Peter Scanavino) put a vengeful crime boss on trial, Fin (Ice-T) tries to help a woman who was drugged and left for dead, and Velasco (Octavio Pisano) takes drastic action to get information from a witness.

The Haunted Museum

Travel Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Season One concludes with "Curse of the Dybbuk Box," in which a skeptical college professor must reexamine his beliefs and face his greatest fears as he struggles to unravel the mystery surrounding one of the world's most dangerous paranormal artifacts.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Bridesmaids'

SUZANNE HANOVER

We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox **FX, 4 p.m.**

Bloodshot (2020, Action) Vin Diesel, Guy Pearce **FXM, 4:30 p.m.**

Nightmare PTA Moms (2022, Suspense) Brianna Cohen, Jonathan Stoddard **LMN, 5 p.m.**

The 27-Hour Day (2021, Romance) Autumn Reeser, Andrew Walker **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph **E!, 5:30 p.m.**

Time for Him to Come Home for Christmas (2022, Romance) Holland Roden, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012, Children) Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Secret Lives of Housewives (2022, Drama) Jessica Morris, Justin Berti **LMN, 7 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **Freeform, 7:30 p.m.**

Friday After Next (2002, Comedy) Mike Epps **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Midway to Love (2019, Romance) Rachel Hendrix, Daniel Stine **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Hall Pass Nightmare (2022, Suspense) Andrea Bowen, Matthew Guy Magnusso **LMN, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Special Theme: The Jewish Experience

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

The traumatic and challenging struggles of early-20th-century Jews are at the heart of all the films airing tonight on TCM. Up first, a young Matthew Broderick stars as a Jewish teenager from New York in the 1988 comedy **Biloxi Blues (pictured),** about a group of Army recruits facing a merciless drill sergeant (Christopher Walken) in a Mississippi boot camp during World War II. This is followed by a film adaptation of the National Book Award-nominated Chaim Potok novel **The Chosen** (1981), about two Jewish teenagers in 1940s Brooklyn, one Hasidic and one not, as they grow into adulthood. Next up is another classic novel adaptation, this time Philip Roth's controversial **Portnoy's Complaint** (1972), which chronicles a neurotic Jewish bachelor's stifling New Jersey upbringing and his subsequent failed relationships with various women. The Oscar-nominated French film **The Last Metro** (1980) tells the tale of a young actor who is keeping her Jewish theater-owner husband hidden from the Nazis in 1942 German-occupied Paris, and following that is the original, non-musical Sholom Aleichem story adaptation that inspired Fiddler on the Roof, **Tevya** (1939), about an Orthodox Jewish family man in pogrom-era Ukraine who aims to keep his daughter from marrying a Christian.

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In 'Poker Face,' Lyonne gets to try out new character trait

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

Natasha Lyonne stars as Charlie, a character who likes people, in Rian Johnson's howdunit series "Poker Face." **PEACOCK**

Known for her wisecracking, quick delivery, Natasha Lyonne's newest role in the Peacock series "Poker Face" grants her an opportunity to play a character with a personality trait she has never played before. Lyonne's character, Charlie, likes people.

Charlie's still got zingers, but Lyonne says the character is partly inspired by Jeff Bridges' famed character, the Dude, in "The Big Lebowski."

She's "a person, a little bit set back, who's kind of got sun on their face," said Lyonne. "I'm usually more of a city slicker and someone who avoids getting hit by taxis and runs down in a subway."

Adds creator Rian Johnson, "Charlie's very open. She's very sunny. That kind of blew Natasha's mind. She's like, 'Oh, this will be a new thing for me to play. I like people.' The natural kind of like acidity and sharpness of Natasha's personality, combined with a character who has a genuinely sunny outlook ... I find it's super watchable."

"Poker Face," now streaming on Peacock, is a mystery series, so it fits Johnson's wheelhouse, as the writer and director of the films "Knives Out" and "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery."

Charlie has a keen ability to automatically know when someone is lying. After events in the first episode send her on the run from a mafia boss and his enforcer — played by Benjamin Bratt — she sets off in her car to drive away from trouble. In each stand-alone episode, Charlie encounters new people, a murder and, of course, lies, that make her want to figure out what happened.

Johnson describes it as a howdunit and unapologetically a procedural. Charlie knows who commits the murder but has to figure out how.

"We follow the same format with every single episode. We show the murder, then we flashback and see where Charlie was during the murder. We catch up with the murder, and then she solves it. Keeping that procedural consistency was a big, big deal to me because when I tune in to TV, part of what I love is hanging out with the same friends over and over. It's a comforting pattern of getting a new thrill from something that I know what to expect from every single week. There's great joy in that ... I embrace it completely."

As Charlie encounters a new mystery each week, there's a revolving door of notable guest stars throughout the 10-episode first season, including Lil Rey Henry, Tim Meadows, Luis Guzman, Chloe Sevigny and even Nick Nolte — who appears in an episode that Lyonne directed, which she described as a "sensational" experience.

Another reason Charlie is able to pick up on something that seems off is because she pays attention to those around her and likes the underdogs, those who are ignored or dismissed by others.

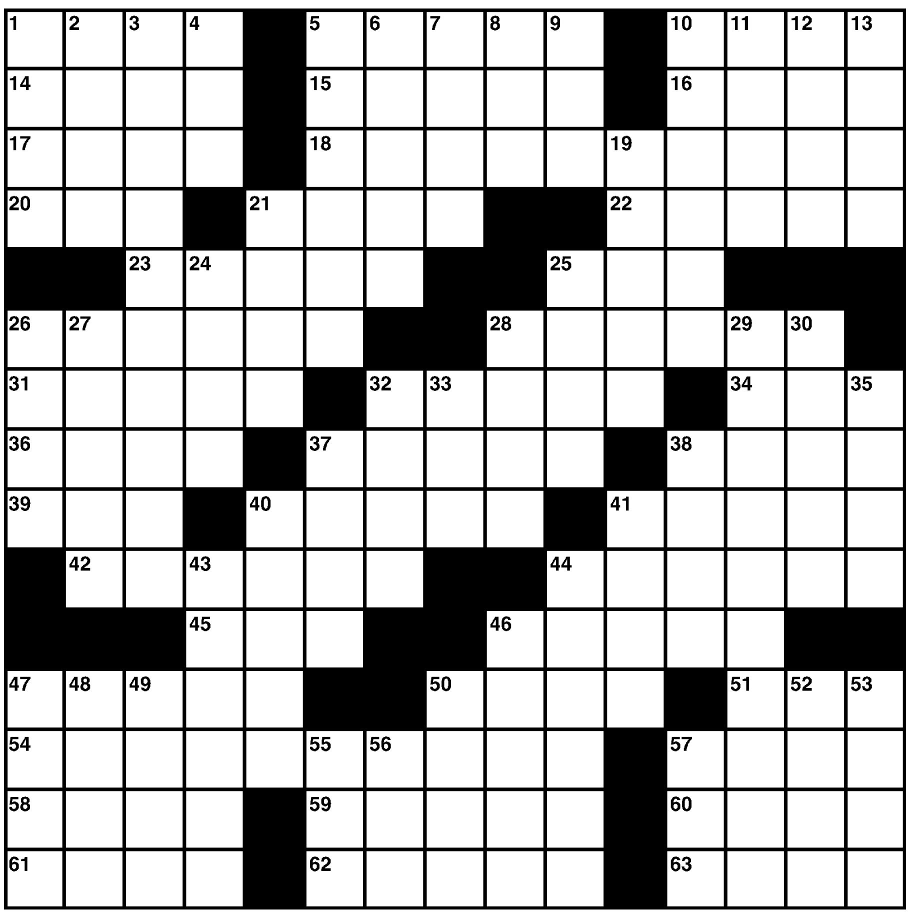
"Charlie's always going to have her sympathies with the little guy, which is similar to Columbo in a way," said Johnson.

It's a trait Lyonne is also drawn to both personally and professionally. She has a production company, "Animal Pictures" with Maya Rudolph, which co-produces "Poker Face" along with Rudolph's Apple TV+ comedy, "Loot." It was also behind Lyonne's popular series "Russian Doll" on Netflix.

Lyonne says she gravitates to creative people, including friends Jenji Kohan (who created "Orange is the New Black"), Amy Poehler, Clea DuVall and Janicza Bravo, and there's joy in creating content for "misfits and outsiders."

"We kind of go on a journey together. You're communicating with the weirdo kids in the back of the class because, you know, they watch stuff, too."

Crossword



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ACROSS
1 Rules
5 Squabbles
10 Ocean crosser
14 TV's "How __ Your Mother"
15 FDR's affliction
16 Memo
17 Bites the dust
18 Remorse
20 Outlandish
21 Basinger & Delaney
22 Correct
23 David and Tut
25 128 oz.
26 States one's views
28 Lifts something heavy
31 Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
32 Sandbank
34 Gallop
36 Woes
37 Salesman's pitch
38 Deep mud
39 Casual shirt
40 Closes
41 Cosmetic kit item
42 Dresser compartment
44 Ill-fated
45 News journalist Koppel
46 Hold tightly
47 Bobbin
50 Bleachers level
51 Pronoun
54 Bike part
57 Rational
58 Not a spring chicken
59 Hay storage areas
60 Come __; flirt with
61 Chaotic situation
62 Bates or Mattea
63 Put into storage

DOWN
1 Venetian beach resort
2 In the center of
3 Roundup, for one
4 Athanasius & Ambrose: abbr.
5 Bits of holly
6 Anthology entries
7 "Heidi" setting
8 Tuxedo accessory
9 John Quincy Adams, to John Adams
10 French delicacies
11 __ Kong
12 Poison ivy symptom
13 Actress Amanda
19 Hiker's path
21 Patella's place
24 Hostels
25 Hockey score
26 Fail to mention
27 __ up; accumulated
28 Soil turners
29 Jubilantly victorious
30 Sudden increase
32 __ on; goad
33 Big success
35 In __; impoverished
37 Get rid of
38 Pasture cries
40 "Groovy!"
41 Laugh loudly
43 Not getting along
44 Like formal clothes
46 Waist measure
47 Bogus; phony
48 Senate aide
49 Billfold items
50 20th-century U.S. president
52 Bump __; meet unexpectedly
53 Feline cry
55 BPOE member
56 Feathery neckwear
57 Cry for help

Solutions

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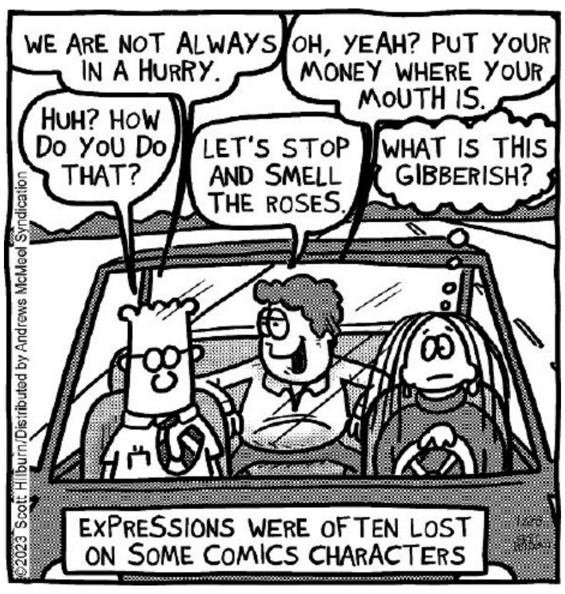
Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 26): Communicate, share and express to grow this year. Realize personal dreams with organization, discipline and coordination. Winter challenges shift domestic priorities, inspiring springtime creativity, connection and collaboration. Making a professional adjustment this summer motivates autumn investigations, research and studies.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Take extra time for yourself. You can't help others if you're burned out. Ignore rumors or gossip. Relax with a bubble bath and candles.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Rest and recharge. Revise plans around a delay. Minimize risks and fuss. Process recent changes in peaceful reflection. Cloak yourself in refreshing privacy.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Patiently translate a miscommunication on your team. Diplomacy can resolve a controversy. Keep the ball rolling for shared goals.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You can pass a professional test. Postpone travel. Prepare for excellence. Your work is in the spotlight. Make an important connection.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're gaining valuable skills. Explore fascinating subjects and options. Discuss ideas privately. Misunderstandings abound. Rumors spread like wildfire.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Collaborate without controversy. Misunderstandings can spark with mild provocation. Patiently contribute to the family pot. Pennies saved are pennies earned. Reduce energy consumption.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Discussions could go nowhere. Avoid irritating your partner. Patiently wait for developments. Do what you said you would.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Prioritize your work, health and energy. Avoid gossip or distracting chatter. Get your heart pumping. Nurture yourself with exercise, great food and rest.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Relax. Keep your sense of humor with delays or miscommunications. Connect with nature, friends and family. Share a romantic sunset with someone special.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Domestic discussions could devolve. Focus on practical, simple shared priorities. Avoid controversial subjects for now. Love is the answer to most family questions.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Words can get twisted. Patiently clarify and simplify. Repetition helps. Ignore worries. Focus on here and now. Stay present in the current conversation.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Put love into your work and profit. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Clarify and simplify your elevator pitch. Distill ideas into catchy statements.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn


WE ARE NOT ALWAYS IN A HURRY.
OH, YEAH? PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS.
HUH? HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
LET'S STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES.
WHAT IS THIS GIBBERISH?
EXPRESSIONS WERE OFTEN LOST ON SOME COMICS CHARACTERS
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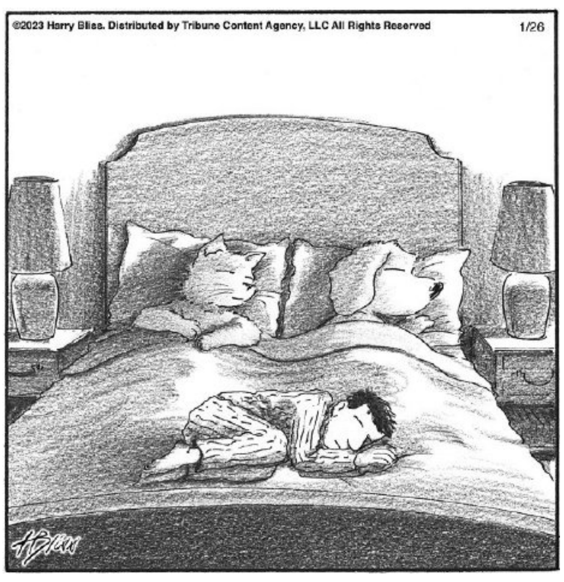
Bliss By Harry Bliss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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ K J 6
♥ 5 3
♦ K 7 6 5
♣ K 8 5 3

West
♠ 5
♥ A K J 10 4 2
♦ A 10 9
♣ Q 9 6

East
♠ 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 9 8 6
♦ 8 2
♣ J 10 2

South
♠ A Q 10 7 3
♥ 7
♦ Q J 4 3
♣ A 7 4

The defense started with two rounds of hearts. South ruffed the second heart, led a spade to dummy's jack, and cashed the king of spades. The 4-1 trump split was a disappointment. South could not draw all the trumps right away because that would exhaust all of his trumps also. South would not be able to prevent the run of the heart suit when he lost the lead to the ace of diamonds.

The ace of diamonds had to be knocked out first. South led a diamond to his queen as East played the eight of diamonds. West saw partner's eight and made the good play of ducking his ace. South led another diamond, but West rose with his king as East played the two, completing his high-low. West led another diamond for East to ruff, and the contract finished down one because there was an inescapable club loser.

South suffered some bad luck, but he could have done better. Can you spot how? Instead of ruffing at trick two, South should have discarded a low club, which was sure to be a loser later. He could then ruff a heart continuation in dummy and make his contract with reasonable splits in spades and diamonds. This good play would have cost nothing. South just didn't think of it. Too bad.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All pass		

***Spade fit, at least invitational values**

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

— Bob Jones
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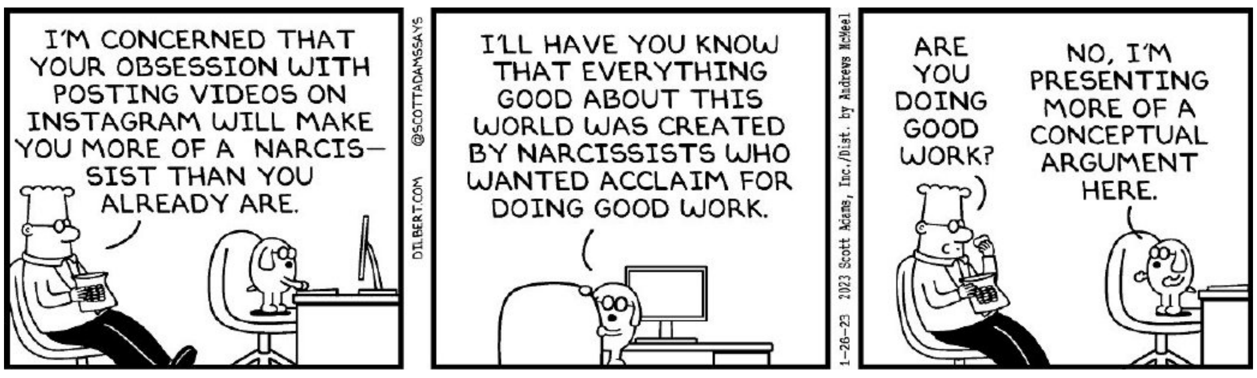
Dilbert By Scott Adams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I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT THIS WORLD WAS CREATED BY NARCISSISTS WHO WANTED ACCLAIM FOR DOING GOOD WORK.
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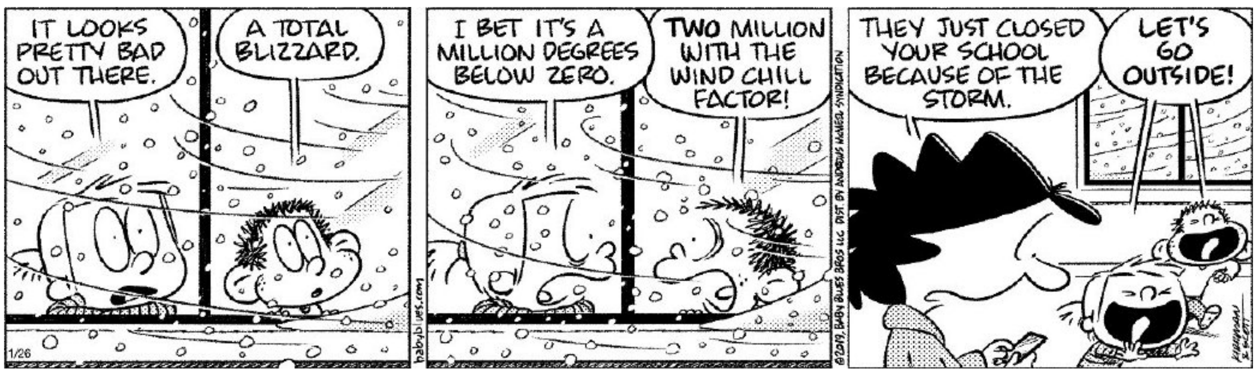
ARE YOU DOING GOOD WORK?
NO, I'M PRESENTING MORE OF A CONCEPTUAL ARGUMENT HERE.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until January 30. Please enjoy this strip from 2019.)


IT LOOKS PRETTY BAD OUT THERE.
A TOTAL BLIZZARD.
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I BET IT'S A MILLION DEGREES BELOW ZERO.
TWO MILLION WITH THE WIND CHILL FACTOR!
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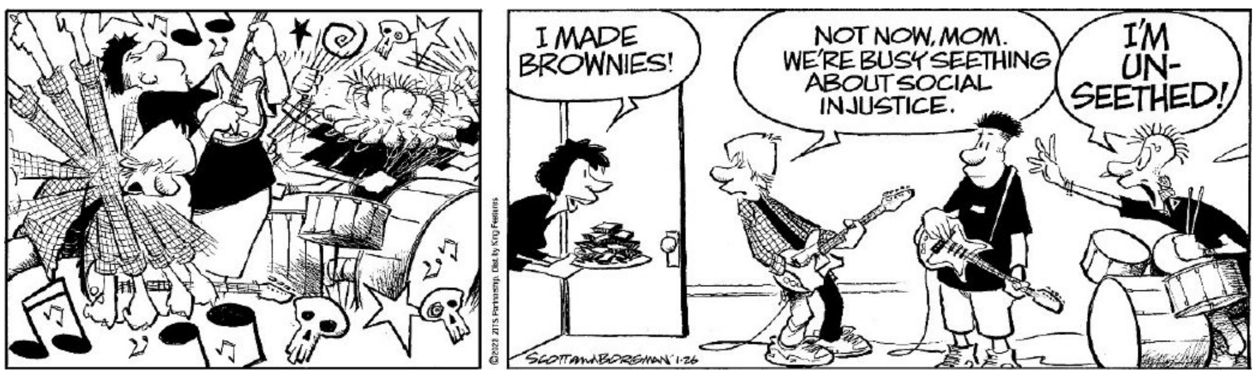
THEY JUST CLOSED YOUR SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THE STORM.
LET'S GO OUTSIDE!
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman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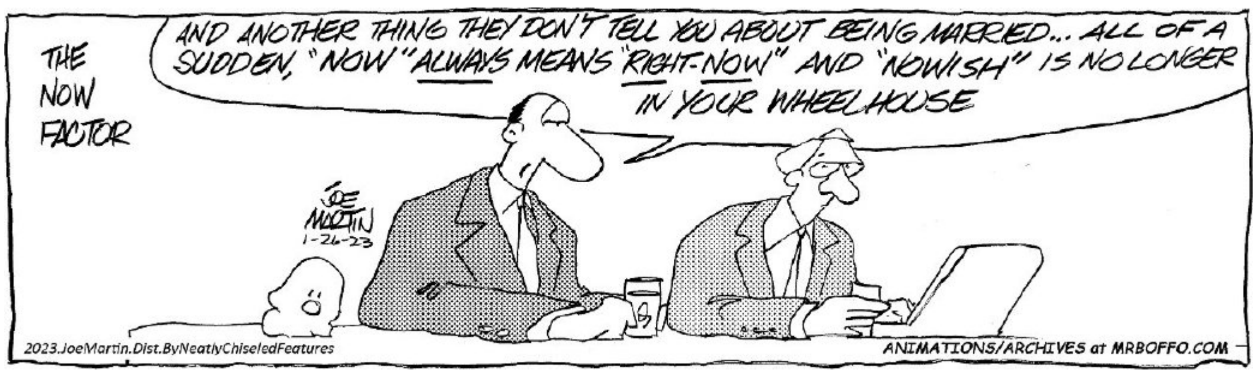
I MADE BROWNIES!
NOT NOW, MOM. WE'RE BUSY SEETHING ABOUT SOCIAL INJUSTICE.
I'M UN-SEETHED!
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 1·26

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


THE NOW FACTOR
AND ANOTHER THING THEY DON'T TELL YOU ABOUT BEING MARRIED... ALL OF A SUDDEN, "NOW" "ALWAYS MEANS "RIGHT-NOW" AND "NOWISH" IS NO LONGER IN YOUR WHEELHOUSE
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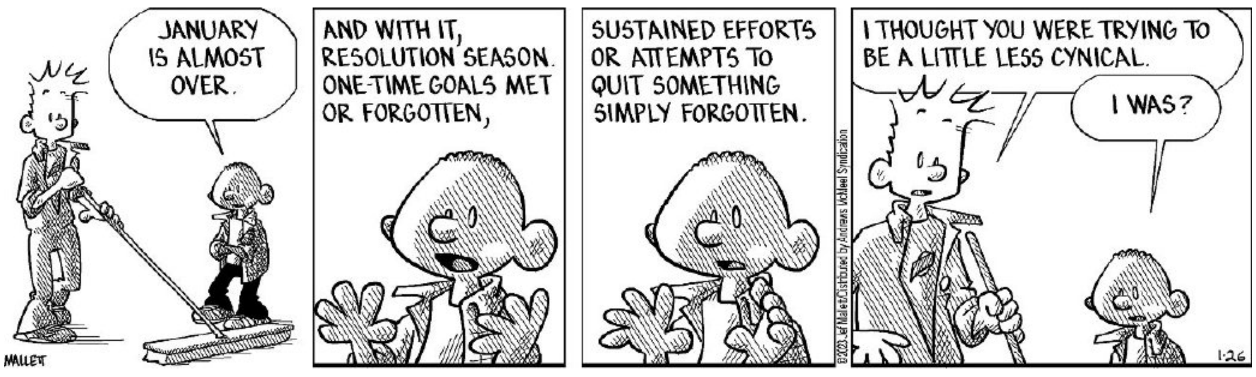
Frazz By Jef Mallett


JANUARY IS ALMOST OVER.
MALLETT
AND WITH IT, RESOLUTION SEASON. ONE-TIME GOALS MET OR FORGOTTEN,
SUSTAINED EFFORTS OR ATTEMPTS TO QUIT SOMETHING SIMPLY FORGOTTEN.
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I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRYING TO BE A LITTLE LESS CYNICAL.
I WAS?
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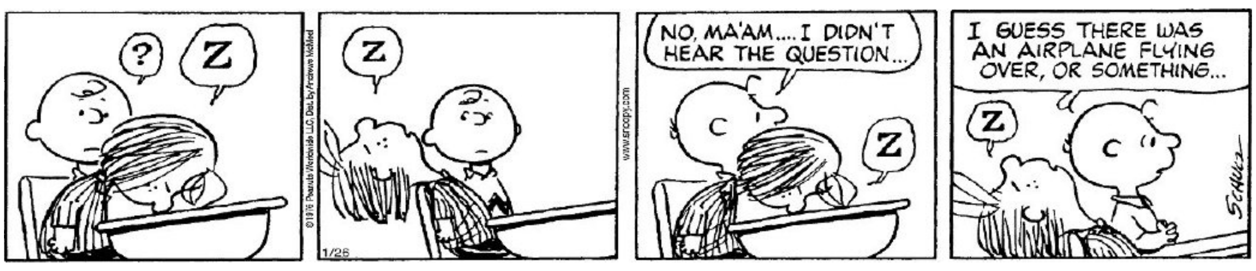
Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz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NO, MA'AM.... I DIDN'T HEAR THE QUESTION...
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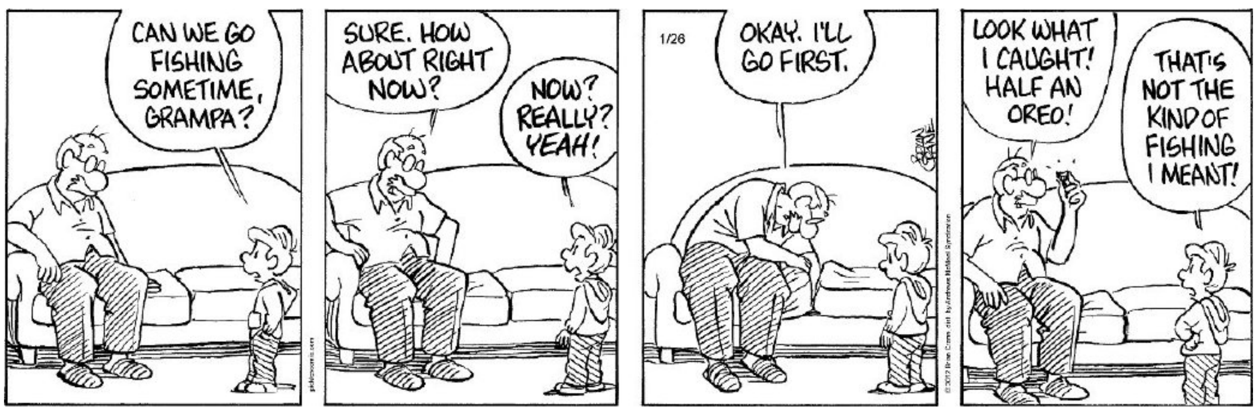
I GUESS THERE WAS AN AIRPLANE FLYING OVER, OR SOMETHING...
Z
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane


CAN WE GO FISHING SOMETIME, GRAMPA?
SURE. HOW ABOUT RIGHT NOW?
NOW? REALLY? YEAH!
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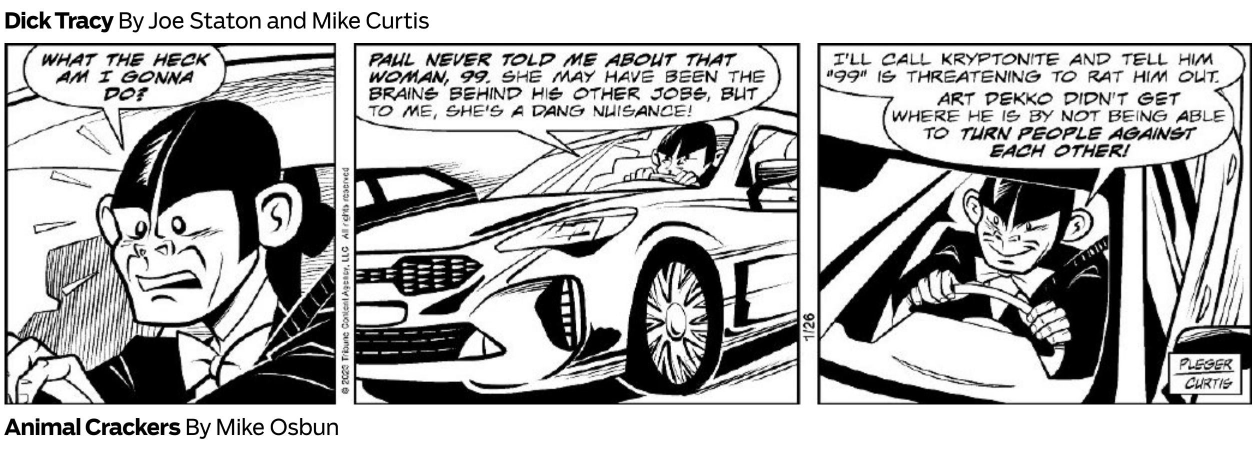
OKAY. I'LL GO FIRST.
BRIAN CRANE
LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT! HALF AN OREO!
THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF FISHING I MEANT!

Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis


WHAT THE HECK AM I GONNA DO?
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PAUL NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT THAT WOMAN, 99. SHE MAY HAVE BEEN THE BRAINS BEHIND HIS OTHER JOBS, BUT TO ME, SHE'S A DANG NUISANCE!
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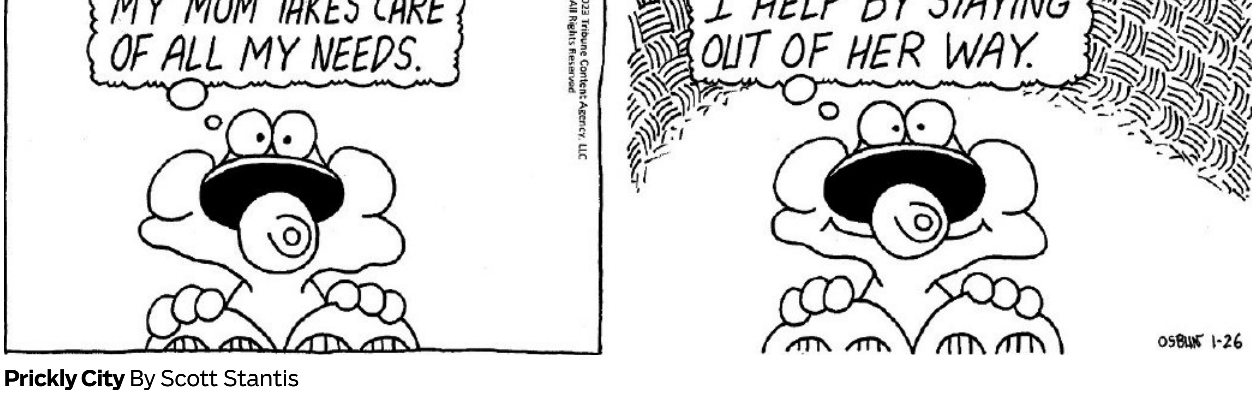
I'LL CALL KRYPTONITE AND TELL HIM "99" IS THREATENING TO RAT HIM OUT.
ART DEKKO DIDN'T GET WHERE HE IS BY NOT BEING ABLE TO TURN PEOPLE AGAINST EACH OTHER!
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


MY MOM TAKES CARE OF ALL MY NEEDS.
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I HELP BY STAYING OUT OF HER WAY.
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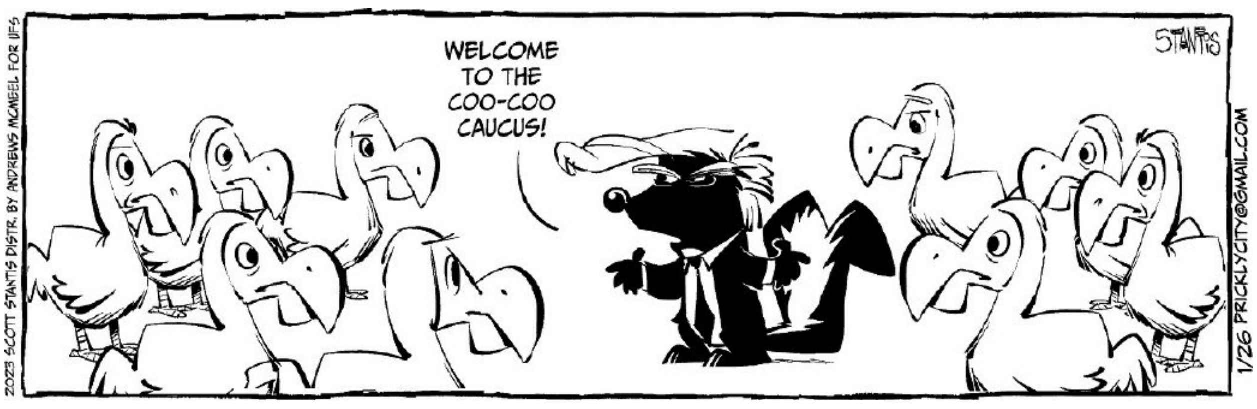
Prickly City By Scott Stantis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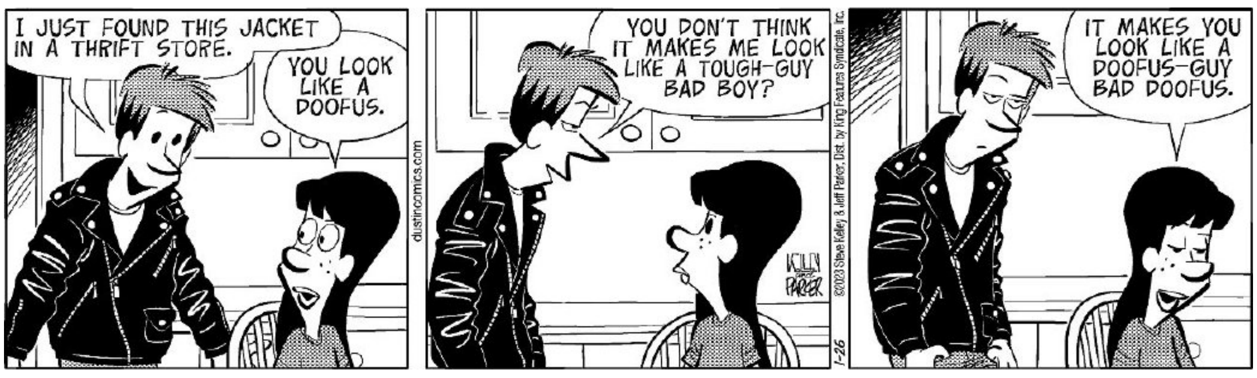
I JUST FOUND THIS JACKET IN A THRIFT STORE.
YOU LOOK LIKE A DOOFUS.
dustincomics.com
YOU DON'T THINK IT MAKES ME LOOK LIKE A TOUGH-GUY BAD BOY?
KELLY PARKER
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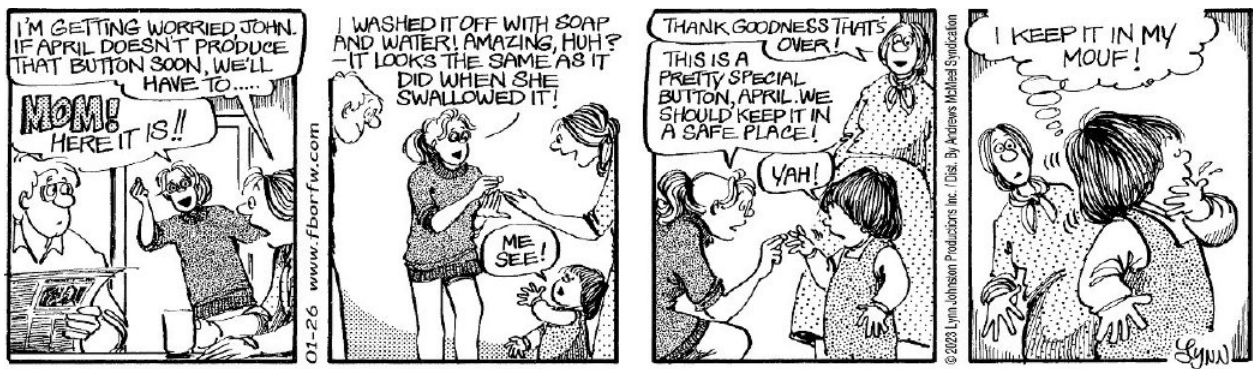
IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE A DOOFUS-GUY BAD DOOFUS.

For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


I'M GETTING WORRIED JOHN. IF APRIL DOESN'T PRODUCE THAT BUTTON SOON, WE'LL HAVE TO.....
MOM! HERE IT IS!!
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I WASHED IT OFF WITH SOAP AND WATER! AMAZING, HUH? —IT LOOKS THE SAME AS IT DID WHEN SHE SWALLOWED IT!
ME SEE!
THANK GOODNESS THAT'S OVER!
THIS IS A PRETTY SPECIAL BUTTON, APRIL. WE SHOULD KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE!
YAH!
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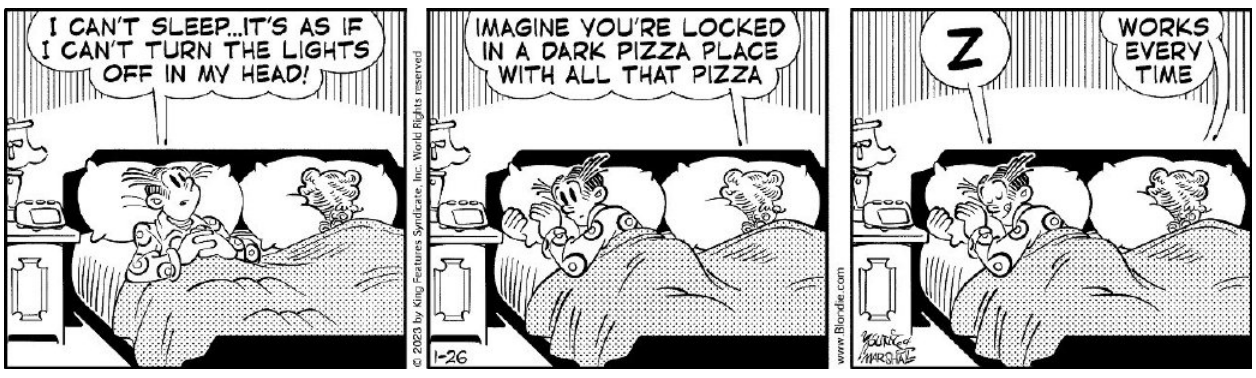
I KEEP IT IN MY MOUF!
Lynn

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


I CAN'T SLEEP...IT'S AS IF I CAN'T TURN THE LIGHTS OFF IN MY HEAD!
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IMAGINE YOU'RE LOCKED IN A DARK PIZZA PLACE WITH ALL THAT PIZZA
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YOUNG & MARSHALL
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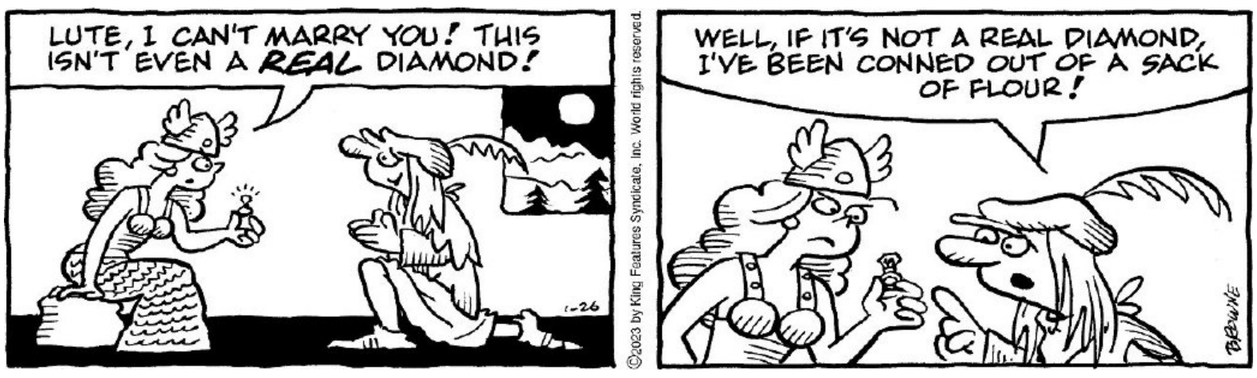
WORKS EVERY TIME

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


LUTE, I CAN'T MARRY YOU! THIS ISN'T EVEN A REAL DIAMOND!
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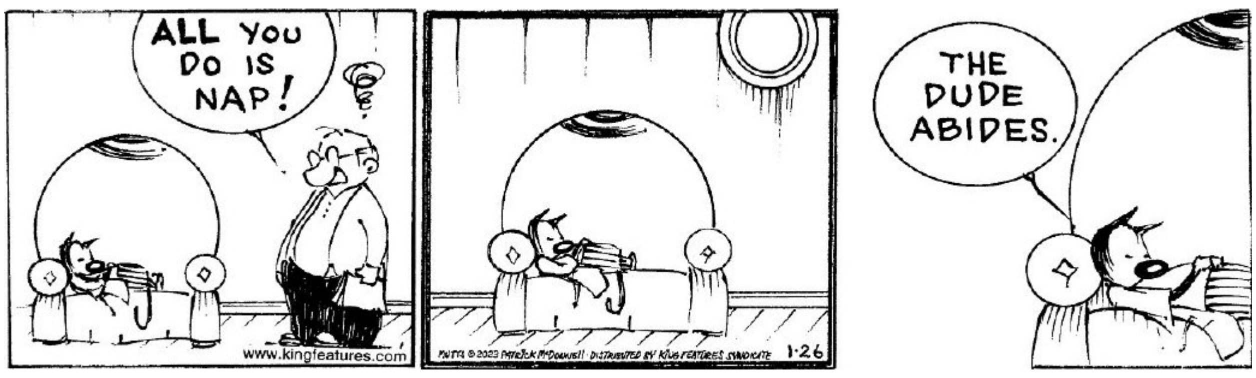
WELL, IF IT'S NOT A REAL DIAMOND, I'VE BEEN CONNED OUT OF A SACK OF FLOUR!
BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


ALL YOU DO IS NAP!
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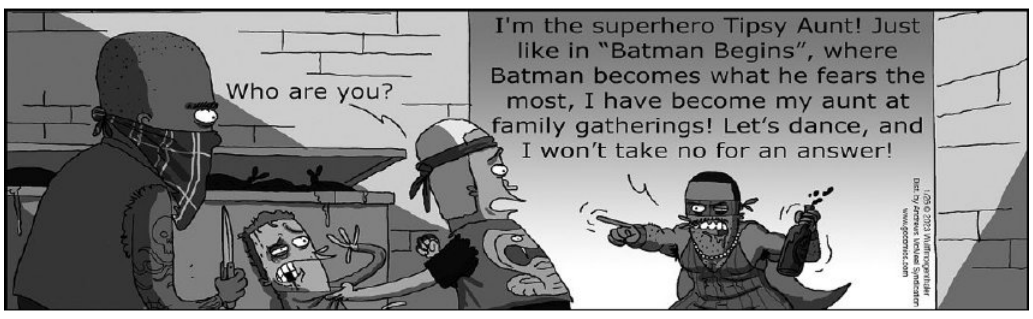
THE DUDE ABIDES.

WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


Who are you?
I'm the superhero Tipsy Aunt! Just like in "Batman Begins", where Batman becomes what he fears the most, I have become my aunt at family gatherings! Let's dance, and I won't take no for an answer!
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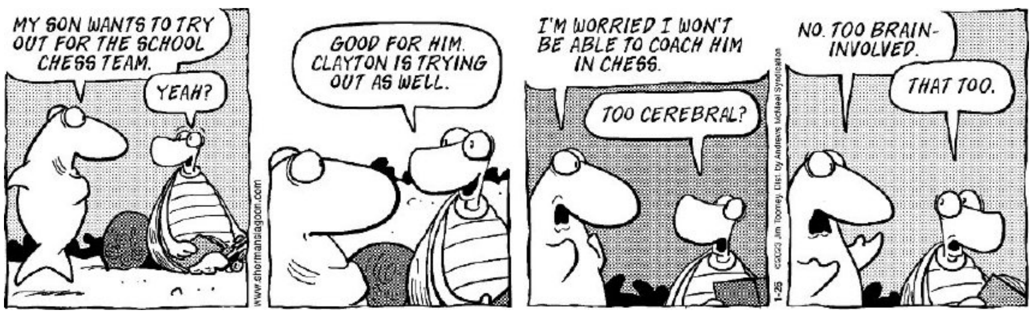
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


MY SON WANTS TO TRY OUT FOR THE SCHOOL CHESS TEAM.
YEAH?
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GOOD FOR HIM. CLAYTON IS TRYING OUT AS WELL.
I'M WORRIED I WON'T BE ABLE TO COACH HIM IN CHESS.
TOO CEREBRAL?
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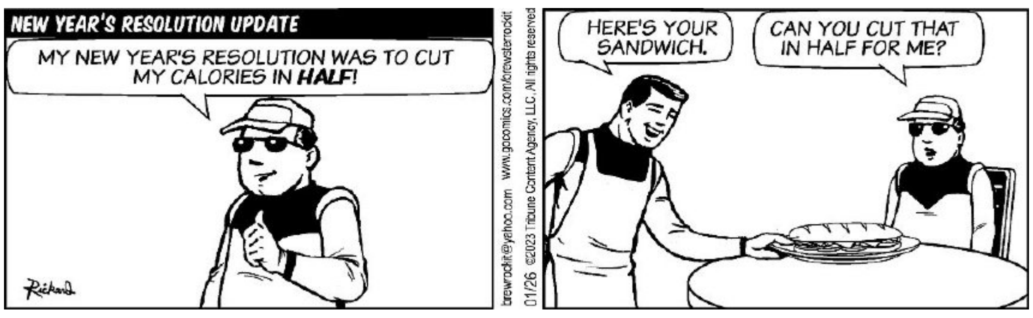
NO. TOO BRAIN-INVOLVED.
THAT TOO.

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION UPDATE
MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS TO CUT MY CALORIES IN HALF!
Rickard
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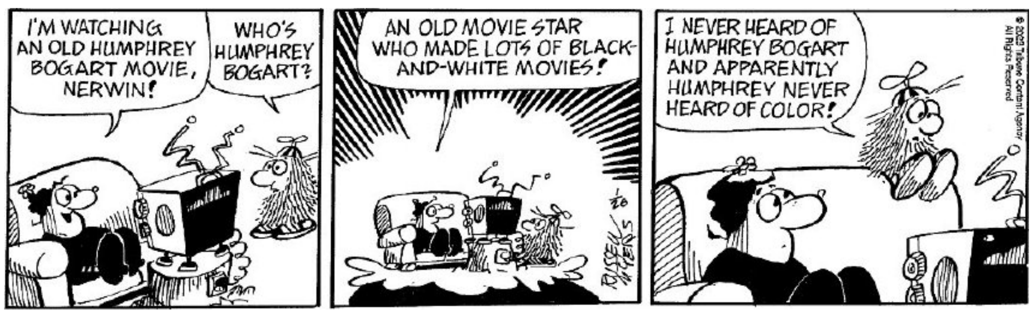
HERE'S YOUR SANDWICH.
CAN YOU CUT THAT IN HALF FOR ME?

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


I'M WATCHING AN OLD HUMPHREY BOGART MOVIE, NERWIN!
WHO'S HUMPHREY BOGART?
AN OLD MOVIE STAR WHO MADE LOTS OF BLACK-AND-WHITE MOVIES!
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RUSSELL MYERS
I NEVER HEARD OF HUMPHREY BOGART AND APPARENTLY HUMPHREY NEVER HEARD OF COLOR!
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Trivia Bits

Which dinosaur gets its name from the unusual protuberances on its face?

A) Allosaurus
B) Caudipteryx
C) Diplodocus
D) Triceratops

Wednesday's answer: Tatiana Maslany won a 2016 Emmy for her multiple roles in "Orphan Black."

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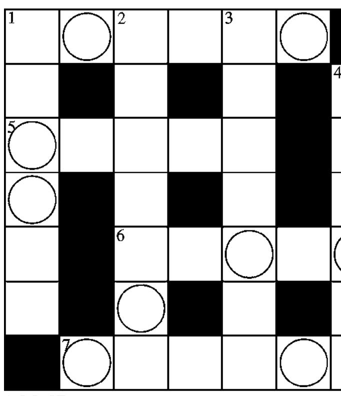
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Encourage, provoke	TINCIE
5. Pointer	ROWRA
6. Arterial trunk	RTOAA
7. Hall ____	SECLOT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Style of printing	TCIALI
2. Cut short	LTCURIA
3. Facing	DSOWTAR
4. Bering ____	RIATTS

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: The ____ ____ is 351 miles long.

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Incite 5A-Arrow 6A-Aorta 7A-Closet 1D-Italic 2D-Curtail 3D-Towards 4D-Strait B-Erie Canal

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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				6				
3	8					4	5	
5					8			
			6				3	2
	4						7	9

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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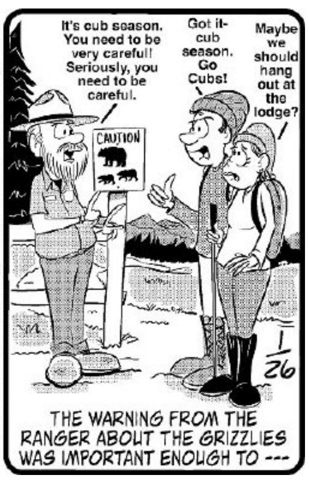
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It's cub season. You need to be very careful! Seriously, you need to be careful.
Got it-cub season. Go Cubs!
Maybe we should hang out at the lodge?
CAUTION
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THE WARNING FROM THE RANGER ABOUT THE GRIZZLIES WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO ---

Answer here

Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: GRIME HALVE CRISIS THRASH
Answer: The people who've successfully summited Mount Everest are — HIGH ACHIEVERS

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Crossword

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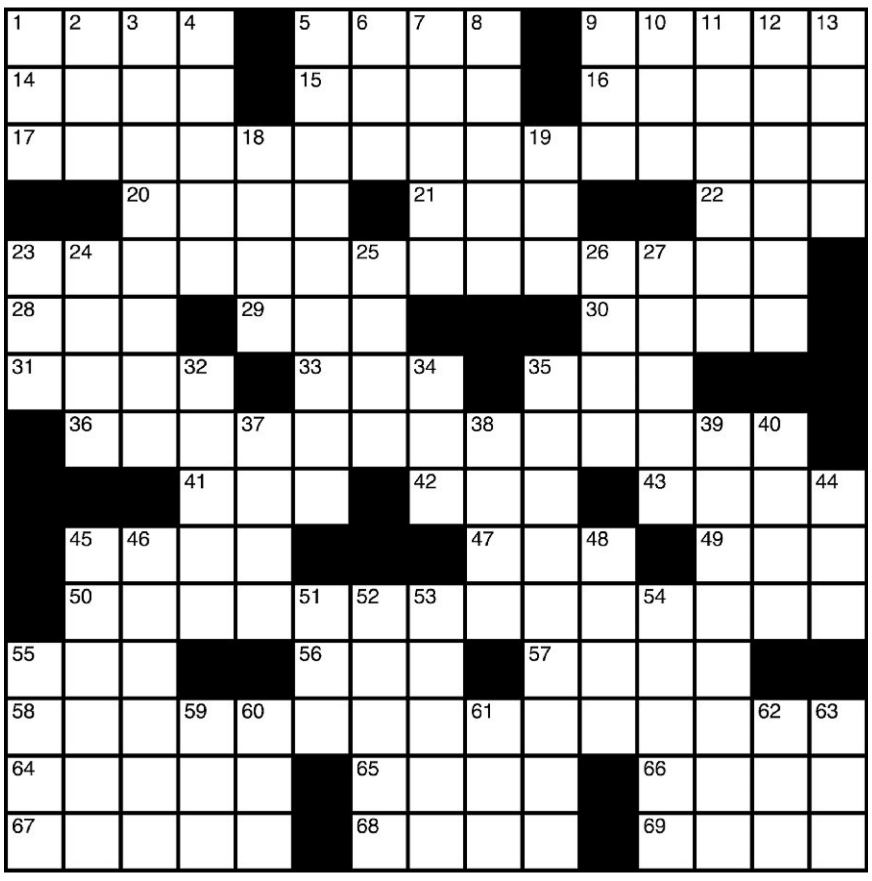
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Across

1 Intro courses?
5 Female turkeys
9 Features of some islands
14 Attract
15 Lotion ingredient
16 Sleeper's rumble
17 Mascot who pursued the Hamburglar
20 Dutch cheese
21 Right at sea?
22 So last year
23 Mascot with a goatee and a string tie
28 Flying fig.
29 Carve up a black diamond?
30 Currier and __
31 Entreaty
33 Shade tree
35 Service charge
36 Mascot "born in the Sea of Milk"
41 Choice indicators
42 English pronoun
43 Excursion
45 Océano contents
47 "Sorta"
49 Estadio cheer
50 Mascot who says, "I want to eat your cereal!"
55 Samantha Bee's former network
56 Calgary summer hrs.
57 Left at sea?
58 Marketing strategies, and what the mascots in this puzzle have all been given?
64 With 40-Down, legal scholar played by Kerry Washington in HBO's "Confirmation"
65 Past regulation, briefly
66 Smooch in a lift
67 Cat collar dangler
68 Affixes a patch, say
69 Hushed "Hey!"

Down

1 Verb on a dipstick
2 Paid intro?
3 Protected, in a way
4 Greta Thunberg, notably
5 Ones who work with bowlers and boaters
6 Yalie
7 Super stars
8 "Buh-bye!"
9 Govt. stipend
10 Dutch banking giant with an orange lion logo
11 "I give!"
12 Alison in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame
13 Chip off the old flock?
18 Sonata and Cadenza
19 "__-Hur"
23 Missing segment
24 Spanish pronoun
25 Singer/activist Downs
26 French Lord
27 __ planner
32 Affaire de coeur
34 NYC FC's org.
35 Just-brewed carafes of coffee, e.g.
37 Kirkuk's country
38 Smart
39 Salad topping
40 See 64-Across
44 Storied cause of royal insomnia
45 Radio setting
46 Like the streets in some period pieces
48 Nocturnal call
51 Strike caller
52 Elba of "The Suicide Squad"
53 Curling target
54 Brittle
55 Taiwan's first female president
59 "When do u get in?"
60 Old futon problem
61 Lower a pitch?
62 Figs.
63 "__ Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"

Wednesday's solution

K	A	M	A		F	R	A	U	D	S		T	A	D
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BOGGLE

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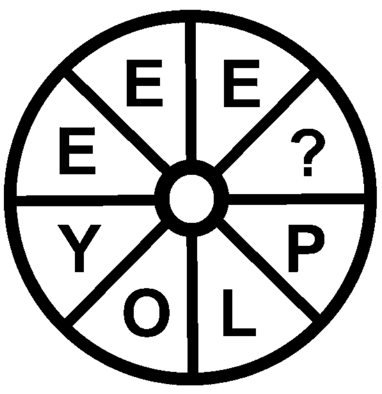

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

EMPLOYEE

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: sleep

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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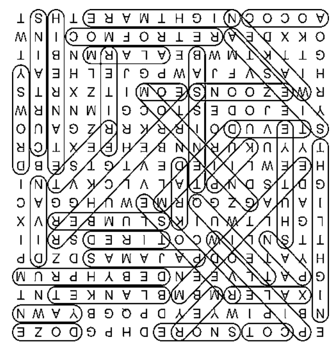

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TV CROSSWORD

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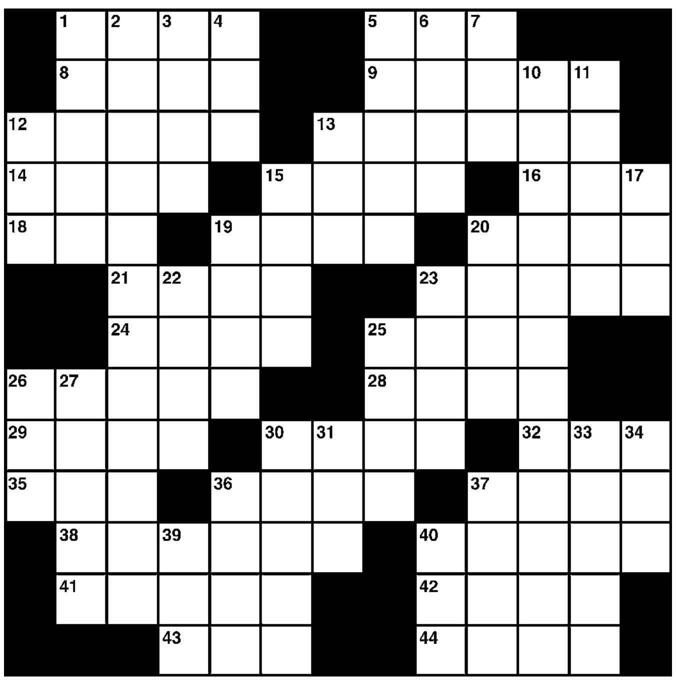

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ACROSS
1 Killmer of “Chicago Fire”
5 Rodriguez of “CSI: Vegas”
8 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
9 “What __ About You”
12 Spirited horse
13 “The Big __”; 1965-69 western series
14 Actor Cameron
15 Vicki Lawrence’s sitcom title role
16 “__ Amsterdam”
18 Start of a vowel list
19 “Road to __”; Crosby/Hope movie
20 “Star Trek __ Darkness”; 2013 film
21 Singer Vikki
23 Synthetic fabric
24 Run __; go wild
25 If, and, or but: abbr.
26 Order another year of “People”
28 Approximately
29 Whitney & Wallach
30 Actress Sheedy
32 “Game of Thrones” network
35 “__ and Stacey”
36 Pebbles’ pa
37 “__ White and the Huntsman”; 2012 film
38 “__ for Sergeants” (1964-65)
40 Lee or Alexander
41 “Staying __”; John Travolta movie
42 Cosmetics brand
43 “Chicago __”
44 Tierney or Wilder

DOWN
1 __ Otto; “American Housewife” role
2 Series for Lionel Richie
3 Smell to high heaven
4 “My Wife __ Kids”
5 “CSI: __” (2002-12)
6 “Queen of Jazz”
7 “__ Abner”
10 Actor on “S.W.A.T.”
11 See __ eye; agree
12 Music from Jamaica
13 Actor Kilmer
15 Harmon or Ruffalo
17 “How the West Was __” (1976-79)
19 Forehead
20 McKellen & Somerhalder
22 Name for a 1950s singing family
23 Actor Calhoun
25 “__ Case” (2003-10)
26 Cartoon dog
27 Actress Verdugo
30 Ready for battle
31 Bruce or Brandon
33 Singer Pat
34 “On Our __” (1994-95)
36 Number of seasons for “Quantum Leap”
37 Rescue
39 Actor Allen
40 Series for Catherine Bell

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JUMBLE

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IDYLO ☐ ○ ○ ☐ ○

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PILREP ○ ☐ ○ ○ ○ ☐

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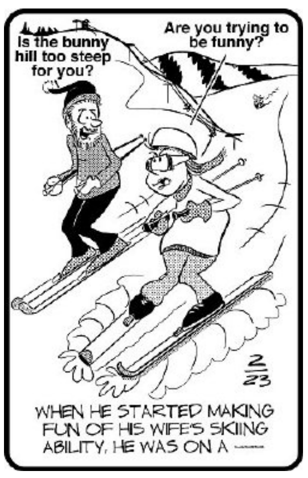
Is the bunny hill too steep for you?
Are you trying to be funny?
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WHEN HE STARTED MAKING FUN OF HIS WIFE'S SKIING ABILITY, HE WAS ON A ——

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Jumbles: DOILY ESSAY RIPPLE PLAGUE

Answer: When he started making fun of his wife's skiing ability, he was on a — SLIPPERY SLOPE

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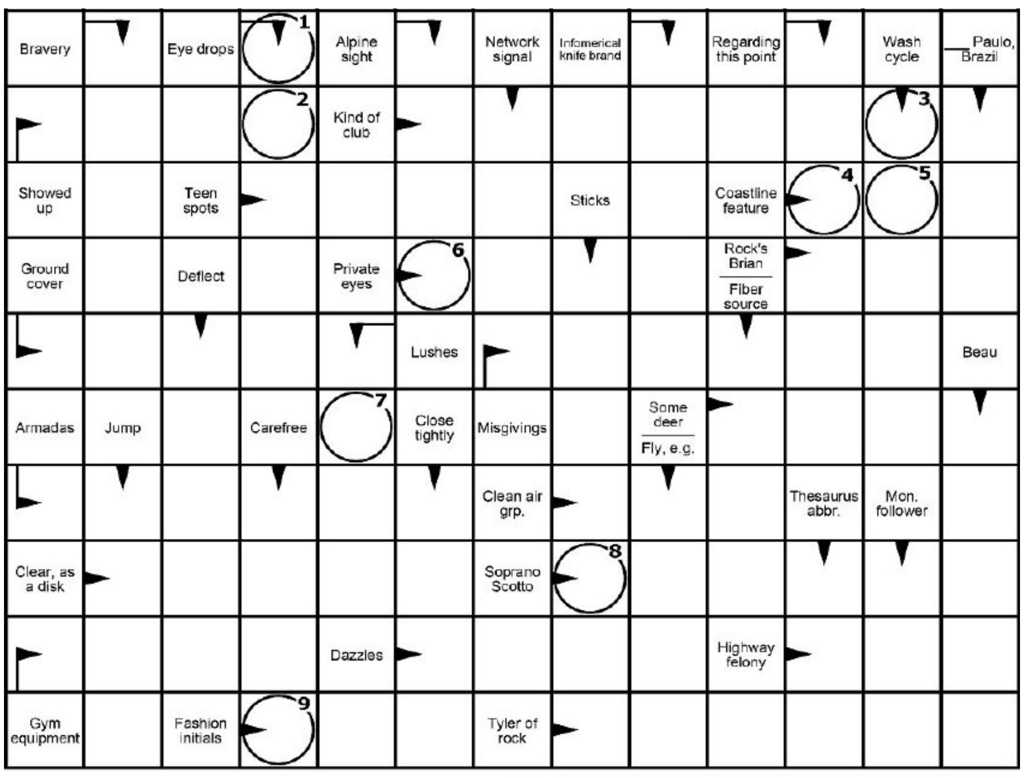
ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.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Highway felony
Gym equipment
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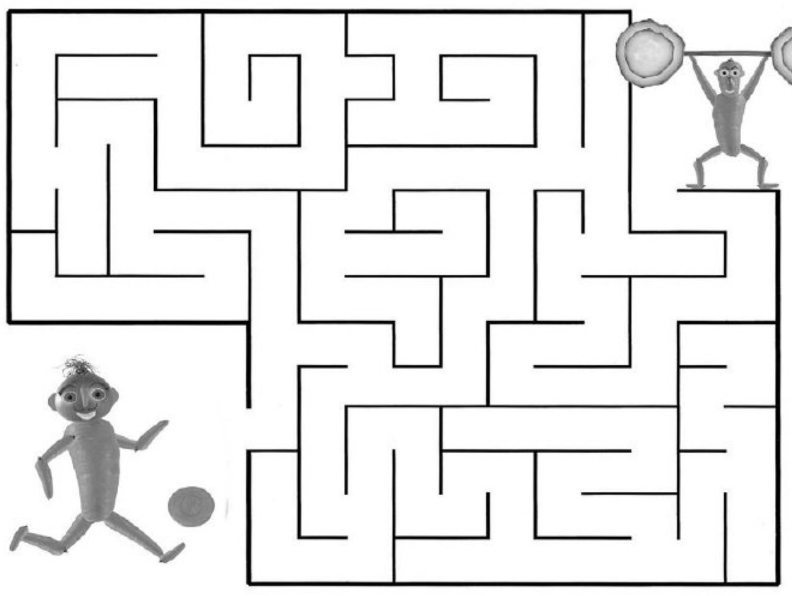

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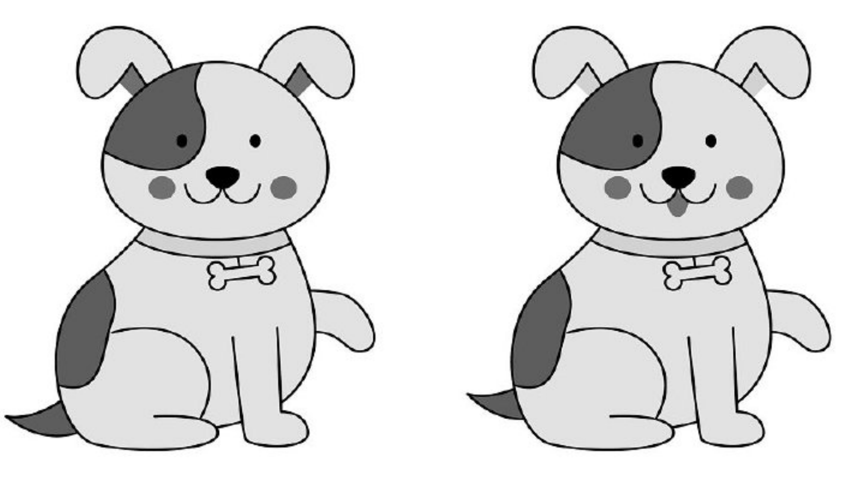

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CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors

Padres starting pitcher Mike Clevinger leaves the game during the first inning of Game 4 of the NL Championship Series against the Phillies on Oct. 22.
MATT SLOCUM/AP

Take 'L,' move on

No matter the result of MLB's probe, Sox need to sever ties with Clevinger

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

We don't need to wait until the MLB investigation is completed to know Mike Clevinger is done in Chicago.

The newly signed White Sox pitcher, who is under investigation after allegations of domestic violence and child abuse by the mother of his 10-month-old-daughter, denied the disturbing accusations Tuesday through attorney Jay Reisinger, who called Clevinger a "loving and caring father."

It will be up to MLB to determine whether Clevinger should be suspended, and if so, for how long. Then it will be on the White Sox to do the right thing.

The only real choice is to cut ties with Clevinger and take the "L." Move on and try to forget the signing ever happened.

Clevinger won't be able to recover from this, at least in Chicago, just as former Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer never had a chance to return to Los Angeles after his suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

The sooner the Sox realize this, the better it will be for the team, the fans and the city.

The Clevinger saga is certain to become a spring training distraction, whether management or players are allowed to talk about it or not. His probable absence won't preclude the media from mentioning him, and how the Sox deal with the hole in the rotation will be a storyline to follow for the entire six weeks.

This is a fork-in-the-road season for the Sox, and Clevinger simply cannot be a

Turn to Sullivan, *Page 2*

BEARS

Senior Bowl a scouting haven

Bears will keep close eye on O-linemen and wide receivers

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune

The college all-star game season reaches its peak in the next week as East-West Shrine Bowl practices begin Saturday in Las Vegas and the Senior Bowl gets going Tuesday in Mobile, Ala.

Bears general manager Ryan Poles is expected to be present at both locations with the team holding the No. 1 pick in the draft and needing to infuse the roster with talent across the board.

The Senior Bowl remains the premier event. Last year 106 players who participated got drafted, with the Bears choosing four: wide receiver Velus Jones Jr., defensive end Dominique Robinson and offensive linemen Braxton Jones and Ja'Tyre Carter.

The Bears drafted three players from the East-West game a year ago: running back Trestan Ebner, safety Elijah Hicks and guard Zach Thomas. Undrafted linebacker Jack Sanborn also played in that game, which featured San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy.

The spotlight, however, shines brightest in Mobile, where the Bears have had success. Running back Matt Forte was the MVP of the 2008 game. On the other hand, quarterback Cade McNown captured that honor in 1999.

Offensive coordinator Luke Getsy will serve as head coach of the American team at the Senior Bowl, one of four assistants on Matt Eberflus' staff who will work at the game. That will provide the Bears with insight on players from the meeting rooms and practice field that could be useful in the scouting process.

Here's a look at offensive position groups of interest considering the Bears' needs.

Turn to Bears, *Page 4*

Ohio State offensive lineman Dawand Jones plays against Rutgers on Oct. 1.
JAY LAPRETE/AP

BULLS

Needing Williams to get right on boards

Forward must show more than glimpses of his rebounding ability

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls want more out of Patrick Williams.

That has been a common refrain throughout the power forward's third season in Chicago. But as Williams continues to build on his scoring and defensive contributions, coach Billy Donovan issued a more focused edict for the 21-year-old's improvement.

"You've got to feel him on the backboard," Donovan said. "When he gets in and makes those kind of efforts to get on the backboard, he really is an elite rebounder.

"We need him to do that. He's a guy that's got to try to go get double-figure rebounds for us."

Averaging 4.3 rebounds, Williams ranks fifth on the team behind center Nikola Vučević (11.1), backup center Andre Drummond (6.6), forward DeMar DeRozan (5.0) and guard Zach LaVine (4.6).

Williams had 10 rebounds Monday in a win against the Atlanta Hawks, his first game of the season in double digits. He hopes to keep repeating that statistic in the second half of the season.

"I think it's pretty clear that I can rebound the ball," Williams said. "I've got to be more consistent with my rebounds. I definitely put that on myself and accept the challenge."

For Williams, the issue never has been athletic ability.

His 6-foot-7 frame allows him to muscle out larger forwards and centers, particularly after packing on additional muscle in the offseason. And there's a buoyant quality to the way the forward elevates to retrieve rebounds and finish dunks.

"He's got great explosiveness off the floor," Donovan said. "He doesn't need necessarily a big gather or a long run to jump. He's really explosive off two feet."

Turn to Bulls, *Page 3*

Bulls forward Patrick Williams pulls down a rebound against the Cavaliers on Dec. 31 at the United Center. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

UP NEXT

Bulls at Hornets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, TNT

SKY

What happens if Vandersloot leaves?

Landscape could change just over 1 year removed from WNBA title

By James Kay
Chicago Tribune

Rumors and reports of the Chicago Sky's cornerstones taking meetings with other teams have left many wondering what the team's future will look like in 2023 — and beyond.

Free agents can't sign until Feb. 1, but the Sky's all-time assists leader, Courtney Vandersloot, reportedly has interest in joining the Minnesota Lynx or New York Liberty. Candace Parker has taken meetings with the Las Vegas Aces and Los Angeles Sparks, while Azurá Stevens has generated leaguewide interest. Allie Quigley also hasn't made a decision about her future and is considering retiring.

Let's examine a few scenarios for the Sky.

If Vandersloot leaves, projecting the Sky backcourt is murky. Internally, they could roll with Julie Allemand or third-year guard Dana Evans. Allemand's overseas pedigree makes her a solid candidate to take over Vandersloot's role, but she — along with Sky and Team Belgium teammate Emma Meesseman — could opt out of the WNBA season to rest for FIBA's EuroBasket tournament that starts June 15.

Even with Evans, the Sky still need more depth behind her or Allemand. The front office could bring in a veteran guard on a cheaper deal as the team develops Evans as a distributor.

Just like the backcourt, the number of high-end bigs on the open market is shrinking. Superstar Breanna Stewart is taking meetings with only four teams, while the Connecticut Sun recently applied the core designation tag on All-Star Brionna Jones. Without a commitment from Stevens or Parker, the Sky are looking at the second-tier bigs in free agency.

If Parker decides to move back west and Meesseman prioritizes rest, offering a maximum deal to

Turn to Sky, *Page 2*

Team	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
BULLS	@CHA 6:30 p.m. | TNT		@ORL 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		
BLACKHAWKS	@CAL 8 p.m. | NBCSCH		@EDM 9 p.m. | NBCSCH		

NORTHWESTERN 78, NEBRASKA 63

Berry's 26 points lead Wildcats to victory

Associated Press

LINCOLN, NEB. — Ty Berry made six 3-pointers and scored 26 points, Boo Buie added 17 points and Northwestern beat Nebraska 78-63 on Wednesday night.

It was the second of three games in five days for the Wildcats (14-5, 5-3 Big Ten), who had two games postponed last week because of a COVID-19 outbreak. They play Minnesota on Saturday.

Northwestern closed the first half by scoring the final 10 points, with 3-pointers from Berry and Buie, to build a 43-30 lead. The Wildcats pulled away midway through the second half with a 12-3 run for a 63-40 lead.

Chase Audige had 15 points and Matthew Nicholson added eight for Northwestern. The Wildcats beat Nebraska for the seventh straight time — doing so against a Big Ten opponent for the first time since 1958-62.

Keisei Tominaga led Nebraska (10-11, 3-7) with 22 points. Jamarques Lawrence, in his first career start, added 12. Tominaga scored 15 of Nebraska's opening 19 points, and his pass to Lawrence in the corner for an open 3-pointer tied it at 22. Nebraska coach Fred Hoiberg announced Monday that Emmanuel Bandoumel will require surgery and miss the rest of the season after injuring a knee Saturday against Penn State. Bandoumel, a fifth-year guard who transferred from SMU, started all 20 games for the Huskers and averaged 8.4 points and 4.8 rebounds.

Bandoumel is the second Nebraska starter in two weeks to suffer a season-ending injury. Forward Juwan Gary is out with a shoulder injury.

Northwestern's Ty Berry celebrates after making a 3-pointer against Nebraska on Wednesday in Lincoln, Neb. Berry made six 3s and finished with 26 points in the Wildcats' 78-63 victory. **REBECCA S. GRATZ/AP**

Sullivan

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member of that clubhouse if they hope to regain the trust of fans still reeling over the underachieving ways of 2022. With a new manager in Pedro Grifol and most of the same cast of characters, the urgency to erase last season's drama has never been greater.

General manager Rick Hahn addressed that fan angst near the end of '22 and noted that he, Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and executive vice president Ken Williams agreed it was the "most disappointing season of each of our careers."

"Look, this is going to have an effect," Hahn said. "This is going to impact people. This is not a feeling that any of us want to experience again."

The Sox made few major moves in the offseason, but Clevinger was the first free agent added to the roster and thus became one of their key additions. Now he's their No. 1 albatross, and starting the new season by sticking with him would be begging for a repeat.

How much the Sox vetted Clevinger is another issue they need to examine but probably won't. While they might not have known of the allegations when they signed Clevinger, as they said in a statement, the Sox obviously liked his character and believed he would be a good fit in the clubhouse.

Can they still think that now?

Many on Twitter have brought up the fact the Sox hired manager Tony La Russa in fall 2020 while knowing about his second DUI arrest. That wasn't a case of bad vetting but of Reinsdorf wanting La Russa to manage his team no matter what anyone else thought. La Russa could've bowed out once the news became public but didn't feel the need.

"Before I took the job, I made them aware of the situation," La Russa said in February 2021. "So I was fortunate they stood by me. The fact that I'm still the manager is further (evidence of the) gratitude that I feel. But once the publicity was there, I had already been beating myself up about a mistake without anybody knowing it.

"Once it became public, especially so soon after getting the job, when you understand the negative effect potentially on the fans, my family, friends, it was torture. And I don't enjoy torture. I try to live without regrets. We make mistakes.

"But I also live with acknowledging it. So if they decided, once they knew, and wanted to keep me, then I (didn't have) the first thought that I should back off."

La Russa never was going to get the benefit of the doubt from a large and vocal segment of Sox fans. Neither will Clevinger if he's allowed to pitch in 2023. But unlike La Russa, Reinsdorf has no personal relationship with Clevinger, so there's no need to pretend fans eventually will grow to like Clevinger.

Hahn made a mistake. I would guess he is beating himself up over it, but of course he won't be able to talk about it, so who knows?

Still, that doesn't mean he has to live with it. It's only money, after all. The Dodgers did the right thing by cutting ties with Bauer, who seems unlikely to find a new team despite being one of the more talented pitchers in the game.

The Sox can get by without Clevinger. The trio of Dylan Cease, Lance Lynn and Michael Kopech is solid, and Lucas Giolito is capable of shaking off a disappointing season and should be motivated by free agency in November.

Davis Martin can move into the No. 5 spot, or perhaps Reynaldo López can get stretched out in spring training and return to the rotation.

It's not perfect, but the Sox have options. And the American League Central remains winnable despite the Cleveland Guardians' youthful energy and the Minnesota Twins' aggressive offseason.

But if the Sox hope to contend, they can't afford unnecessary distractions, especially early as Grifol puts his stamp on the team.

So let the process play out. Let MLB conduct a thorough investigation.

And when Clevinger is allowed to pitch again, just make sure it's not on the South Side.

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn speaks with the media before a game against the Royals on Aug. 2 at Guaranteed Rate Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sky

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Stevens should be a priority for the Sky. Trading for — and extending — Stevens has been one the best moves of James Wade's tenure as general manager as she checks all the boxes as a multifaceted modern big. Stevens led the league in blocks at the rim in 2022 and has improved as a spot-up shooter since coming to Chicago.

The Sky own the No. 5 pick in the April draft after trading Diamond DeShields to the Phoenix Mercury for a 2023 first-round selection as part of a three-team deal last offseason. There is little draft consensus past the No. 3 pick given how top-heavy the class is. If the Sky believe they can't re-sign Vandersloot, it would make sense to target one of the top three picks via trade.

Could the Sky and Lynx be trade partners? The Lynx own the No. 2 pick and are primed to reenter the contender conversation. With Vandersloot meeting with the Lynx for the second time in as many years, it would be a logical fit for a Minnesota team lacking consistent production from its point guards over the last two seasons.

The Sky have $931,801 in cap room, per HerHoopsStats.

They could absorb Natalie Achonwa's $155,000 figure and complete a sign-and-trade that sends Vandersloot and the No. 5 pick to Minnesota for the No. 2 pick. The move would help the Sky target a player such as Maryland's Diamond Miller in the draft.

Even in a draft class that has a transcendent prospect in South Carolina's Aliyah Boston, Miller has potential to have the best WNBA career of anyone selected this spring. The 6-foot-2 Miller can guard multiple positions and has scored .957 points per possession in the half court, which ranks in the 91st percentile this season, per Synergy Sports tracking.

The front office has a major decision looming over the next week: blow up the roster and build toward the future, retool with the hope of contending in the next couple of years or go after another championship now as the rest of the league gets stronger.

James Kay is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

The Sky's Courtney Vandersloot drives in a game against the Sun on Aug. 31, 2022, at Wintrust Arena. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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BULLS

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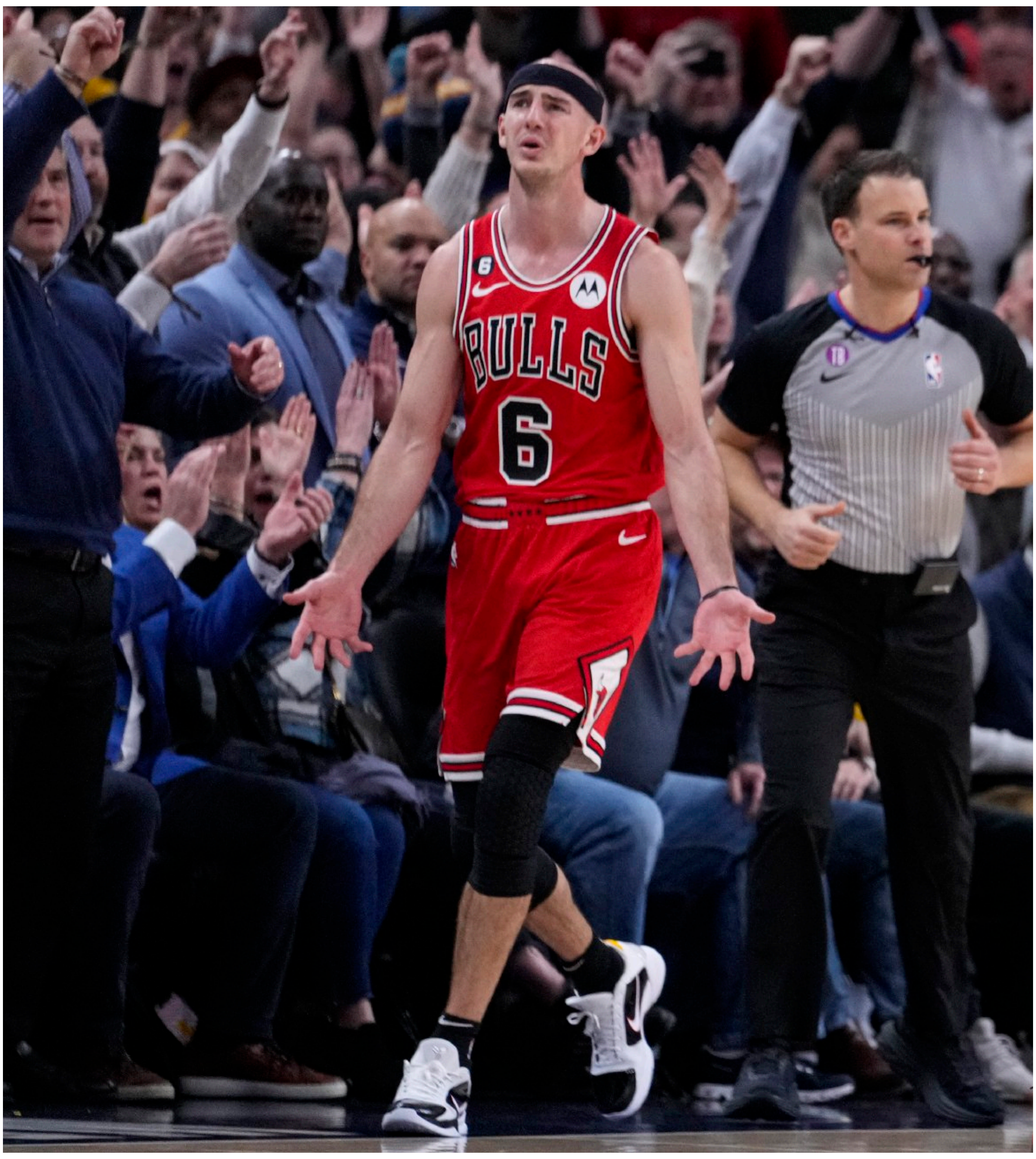

Bulls guard Alex Caruso reacts after a Pacers 3-pointer during the second half of Chicago's 116-110 loss Tuesday in Indianapolis. The Bulls led by 21 early, but the game's momentum changed after halftime. **MICHAEL CONROY/AP**

Complete collapse

Bulls squander 21-point lead and chance to rise in the East

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls couldn't last more than three games without a collapse.

Tuesday night's game in Indianapolis should have been a chance for the Bulls to make a leap in the Eastern Conference standings.

With Tyrese Haliburton sidelined by a sprained elbow and bruised knee, the Indiana Pacers had drifted tantalizingly within reach as a seven-game skid dropped them to a half-game ahead of the Bulls through Monday. And for a while, everything was going right. The Bulls took an early 21-point lead. The Pacers seemed outmatched on both ends of the court.

What followed has become an inevitable, exhausting routine. The Bulls slumped coming out of halftime. The Pacers took full advantage, slicing the lead and tying the game in the final five minutes.

And in the final seconds, the Bulls couldn't get anything right.

With 27.5 seconds left, Nikola Vučević couldn't find an inbound outlet. He called a timeout and the Bulls reset the offense — only to throw the second chance straight into the fingertips of Pacers guard Buddy Hield, who took the ball full court before setting up Aaron Nesmith for two free throws and a 114-110 lead.

Zach LaVine got two looks to scrape the lead down to a point, only to travel with 7.6 seconds left.

After squandering a shot to leapfrog one of their closest competitors, the Bulls are 8-15 in clutch games.

The lows

■ A third-quarter deflation has become the norm for the Bulls, and Tuesday's game was no different. The Bulls were outscored 34-25 in the third after the Pacers started the half with an 11-4 run. The tone of the game visibly shifted as the Bulls seemed to lose their discipline, particularly in a brutal stretch when Myles Turner pulled the chair on Vučević in an attempted post-up, LaVine missed a steal to allow a dunk on the ensuing play and DeMar DeRozan was stuffed at the rim. The Bulls still maintained a seven-point lead at the end of the quarter, but the momentum swung in the Pacers' direction.

■ The Bulls were unable to control their combustion in the fourth quarter. The Pacers tied the game after DeRozan committed his fifth foul with 4:57 remaining, and T.J. McConnell flew around Ayo Dosunmu for a reverse layup that gave the Pacers their first lead 30 seconds later. The Pacers went on an 11-2 run from the 5:48 mark to the 3:53 mark to take a 105-102 lead.

The highs

■ The Bulls started the game on the right foot, leading 62-41 in the second quarter and carrying a 16-point lead into halftime. They shot 55% from field in the first half, outrebounded the Pacers 32-25 and logged 10 assists on their 22 makes.

■ DeRozan and Vučević anchored the Bulls offense even as it fell apart in the second half. DeRozan scored 33 points on 14-for-21 shooting, while Vučević scored 20 on 9-for-14 shooting and hit both of his 3-point attempts.

■ Coby White provided a boost in the second quarter, scoring all eight of his points in that quarter. White's shooting struggled the rest of the game, however, and he finished 2-for-7 from 3-point range and 3-for-11 from the field.

Stat of the game

The Pacers discombobulated the Bulls offense by layering on pressure at a high point of attack, utilizing high hedges on screens at the top of the key to keep primary attackers such as DeRozan from driving easily to the rim.

The Bulls coughed up 16 turnovers in the loss — seven of them unforced. Six of those turnovers occurred in the fourth quarter, including LaVine's traveling violation with 7.6 seconds remaining to seal the loss.

Injury report

The Bulls again were missing backup guard Goran Dragić due to a non-COVID illness.

The Pacers were missing star guard Haliburton, who hasn't played since Jan. 11 because of a sprained left elbow and bruised left knee.

Where they stand

The Bulls dropped to 22-25 and remain 10th in the Eastern Conference.

Up next

The Bulls will continue their road trip Thursday in Charlotte against the Hornets before visiting the Orlando Magic on Saturday.

Bulls

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After a win, talk in the locker room often evolves into playful back-and-forth between players, reporters and Bulls staff. A new question was asked Monday: Could Williams hit his head on the rim? Coby White snuffed out the conversation with immediate indignance.

"Can he hit his head on the rim?" White scoffed. "He can look *in* the rim."

So if there isn't a problem getting up to the basket, what's keeping Williams from having multiple double-digit rebounding games? He followed his season high Monday with five Tuesday in a road loss to the Indiana Pacers.

One piece of the puzzle is Williams' positioning.

Vučević and Drummond benefit from their role as centers — Vučević as a stretch-five or stretch-four who occasionally exits the paint for 3-pointers, Drummond as a big-bodied enforcer who rarely ventures farther than the midrange — meaning they clean up the majority of the easiest rebounds from near the rim.

By contrast, Williams is all over the court on both ends, guarding the top offensive opponents on the perimeter and ranging from the 3-point arc to the rim on offense. This often places him farther from the basket when shots go up.

But that isn't an end-all excuse. The Bulls give up the most 3-point attempts in the league — which also means a high percentage of defensive rebounds are likely to be ricocheting well outside the restricted area and into Williams' range.

Williams often emphasizes that rebounding is less about technique than it is about effort. But he still is learning a technical side of rebounding: when and how to pull the trigger on crashing the rim. To Donovan, the difference comes down to timing and tenacity.

"He's just got to *go*," Donovan said. "He's got to go hard. He's got to go aggressive."

Whether it's effort or technique or both, Williams always can count on one teammate to provide support and provocation: DeRozan.

It's clear DeRozan relishes the opportunity to mentor younger players, even when — or perhaps especially when — that role requires him to press their feet to the fire.

"Y'all don't see how much I get on (Williams') nerves," DeRozan said, ducking his head with a grin. "I really get on his nerves. Like, *really* get on his nerves.

"If he plays bad or he don't compete the way I know he can compete, it's verbal abuse."

But as much as DeRozan might lay into Williams, he also believes in the young forward. DeRozan has been unwavering in his belief, even in the first month of the season when Williams was averaging a paltry 7.1 points and two rebounds.

Williams has begun to answer the call to improve his aggressiveness, 3-point shooting and defensive rigor. If he can similarly respond to Donovan's challenge for double-digit rebounding games, Williams could begin fulfilling the lofty expectations placed upon him when the Bulls selected him with the No. 4 pick in the 2020 draft.

"He's one of the most versatile players on this team," DeRozan said. "Once he gets comfortable and realizes that, like he's doing now, he's going to get better and better."

BLACKHAWKS

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LATE TUESDAY

Very little shot at success

Hawks offense virtually MIA as they get outshot 48-14

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

Few expect the Blackhawks to win many games at this stage of the season, but if they're going to have a shot, they have to take some.

The Hawks on Tuesday were outshot 48-14 during a 5-2 road loss to the Vancouver Canucks.

The last time they managed just 14 shots was Nov. 22, 2007, in a 2-1 road win against the Calgary Flames.

"It was kind of sloppy," Hawks coach Luke Richardson said late Tuesday. "The beginning of the second period, we challenged ourselves to be a little bit sharper, a little better.

"And the first part of the (third) period we weren't bad, right up to the two-on-one (Max) Domi and (Andreas) Athanasiou had, and we missed and it went right down the other way (for a goal) against us. And then we were just kind of chasing it after that. Not our best game."

Five penalties didn't help.

"Not undisciplined play, but unfortunately we were in the penalty box too much early," Richardson said. "And that gives the other team offensive momentum and puck possession, and we have none. So we have had guys that don't even touch the puck for 10 minutes of the first period."

While Richardson's team struggled, it was a great opening night for Rick Tocchet, who made his debut as Canucks coach after Bruce Boudreau was fired Sunday.

Andrei Kuzmenko scored the Canucks' first two goals in the second period, and 11 Canucks had points.

Ex-Hawks goalie Collin Delia needed just 12 saves to notch a win in his first meeting against his former team. Petr Mrázek had 43 saves in the loss.

Meanwhile, Hawks forward Luke Philp made his NHL debut, playing 8 minutes, 45 minutes, mainly on the third line with Sam Lafferty and Jason Dickinson. Philp didn't take a shot or register a point but played a key role on Lafferty's second-period goal, running interference legally on Canucks defenseman Travis Dermott to give Lafferty a lane.

With his 573rd point, Patrick Kane passed Jeremy Roenick (572) for second-most road points by a U.S.-born player and trails only Mike Modano (636), according to NHL Stats.

The lows

■ The Hawks still are having issues with slow starts. They were outshot 12-1 early and 21-6 in the first period. Three of those Hawks shots came shorthanded, two on the power play and one on five-on-five — though Kane made it count by scoring the game's first goal. The Hawks went about 10 minutes before their first shot on goal against the St. Louis Blues on Saturday and about 15 minutes against the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday.

"We kind of pushed envelopes and plays and maybe passed up shots and didn't execute when we had a shot miss the net," Richardson said. "I don't think we attacked their net as much as we needed to do, especially on the road."

■ The Hawks couldn't seem to get a body or stick on Kuzmenko when they needed it. Kuzmenko snuck behind the defense to lift Ilya Mikheyev's rebound over Mrázek in the second period to put the Canucks on the board. Then 8 ½ minutes later he darted from behind Jake McCabe to tap in an Elias Pettersson centering pass.

■ Breakaways and rebounds were recurring problems for the Hawks against the Canucks. Mrázek turned away the breakaways (at least three), but Mrázek faced 11 rebound shots, according to naturalstattrick.com., and three found the net.

The highs

■ After going two games without a shot on goal for the first time all season, Kane scored on his first shot on goal and second attempt to put the Hawks up 1-0 in the first period. It was his ninth goal of the season but just his third on the road.

■ Lafferty's red-hot January continues: He scored his third goal and fifth point in eight games this month. In the second period, he took a breakout pass from Seth Jones, then made a sudden change of direction on Canucks defenseman Tyler Myers, wheeling around to the high slot and slapping a shot.

■ Mrázek had a phenomenal first period, making 21 saves, including seven during three power plays.

The Canucks celebrate a goal from Sheldon Dries, second from left, on Tuesday against the Blackhawks. **DARRYL DYCK/AP**

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

Do you see a path to trading down twice in the first round and still getting an impact player? — @mike_mosley

Talk about threading the needle. Let's start with the possibility of trading down twice. Is this quarterback class really so talented that there will be that much demand for teams to pay retail to move into the top four or five picks? We're going to hear plenty of hype about the quarterbacks and they almost always are overdrafted. I'd say the chances of a double trade down are minimal — but nothing can be ruled out at this point.

Impact players can be found all over the place, but there are no sure things. The Bears were in the top 10 when they selected Kevin White and Leonard Floyd. White busted and Floyd did not ascend to that level.

Obviously the path to pulling off two trades down in Round 1 would involve the quarterbacks getting hot with teams — not hyped by media and fans.

I see the Bears trading back. How far back is the question. Do you see any chance of the Bears staying at No. 1? — @barbersquires

It might not be a popular thought, but, sure, there's a chance the Bears stay at No. 1. As I have written numerous times, what if none of the quarterbacks in this class stands out to a degree that someone is driven to pay a high price to move up? Many have viewed this situation through the prism of the best possible outcome for the Bears. It's exciting to imagine how one pick could be turned into many picks or multiple first-round picks. But that requires a trading partner with conviction and maybe even a bit of desperation.

What if Ryan Poles falls head over heels for a prospect and deems him a can't-miss, generational talent? Would he want to risk potentially missing out on that player by trading down? What if Poles feels a prospect is close to can't-miss and gets offers that he deems a little light, even if those offers might work if he wasn't in love with a prospect?

A ton of variables are involved here. I think Poles will listen to anything and everything that comes his way. We don't know what that is yet, and we could be two months from anything materializing.

Do you think the Bears will target guys like Andre Dillard and Jawaan Taylor to help their OT situation? Same with guys like Yannick Ngakoue and Dre'Mont Jones for their defensive line. Try to spread the money around to five to seven guys instead of two or three bigger names. — @m_nick89

Taylor is in line for a big contract, and the only question is whether he receives it from the Jacksonville Jaguars or reaches the open market. He's a right tackle and likely would be overpaid in free agency, but he has been a very solid player for the Jaguars and could lock down the Bears right tackle position that has been a bit of a revolving door the last couple of seasons.

I'm not quite sure what to make of Dillard, a former first-round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles. Some thought the Eagles might trade him during the offseason. That didn't happen, and he has been a reserve on arguably the best offensive line in the league. Dillard has only nine career starts — five in 2021 and four in 2019.

The Bears should have a sharp scouting report on Dillard from assistant GM Ian Cunningham, who came from Philadelphia. Is he a player who needs a fresh start elsewhere? Maybe he's a starting-caliber player. Perhaps he's swing tackle material. I'd be surprised if the Bears signed Dillard and anointed him as a starter. Considering his background, he would have to compete for a starting spot.

If I had to choose, I think the Bears will be more active in free agency on the defensive line than the offensive line. Ngakoue is 27 and has been on five teams since 2019. You know why? He doesn't play the run a lick. He can get after the quarterback and is coming off a 9½-sack season for the Indianapolis Colts after posting 10 for the Las Vegas Raiders in 2021. He has 65 career sacks in 110 games and instantly would be the Bears' best pass rusher. That being said, he's nowhere near the echelon of elite edge rushers. If you are advocating for the Bears to add Ngakoue, just understand his production against the run likely would disappoint you.

SMU wide receiver Rashee Rice catches a pass as North Texas' Sean-Thomas Faulkner (25) and DeShawn Gaddie defend in a Sept. 3 game. **BRANDON WADE/AP**

Bears

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Offensive line

A handful of tackles are worthy of a close look. The Bears have had a different starting right tackle for each of the last three season openers (Larry Borom, Germain Ifedi and Bobby Massie), and if they don't find a long-term solution via free agency, this is a position to watch — especially if they're comfortable with Braxton Jones remaining the starter on the left side.

Ohio State's Dawand Jones is a mountain of a man at 6-foot-8 and 359 pounds, and teams will want to see how he moves against a solid crop of edge rushers (more on defensive prospects Friday).

Tennessee's Darnell Wright, Maryland's Jaelyn Duncan, BYU's Blake Freeland, Syracuse's Matthew Bergeron, USC's Andrew Vorhees and Michigan's Ryan Hayes also will be under the microscope.

North Dakota State's Cody Mauch is a decorated FCS player who moves well as a converted tight end. Some wonder if the 6-6, 303-pounder will wind up playing guard in the NFL.

Minnesota center John Michael Schmitz, a Homewood-Flossmoor product, is on Getsy's American roster.

Wide receiver

This is a position where elite talent usually winds up declaring for the draft early, making the best receivers ineligible for the Senior Bowl.

Washington Commanders first-round pick Jahan Dotson was slated to play in last year's game before withdrawing, and Green Bay Packers second-round pick Christian Watson did play.

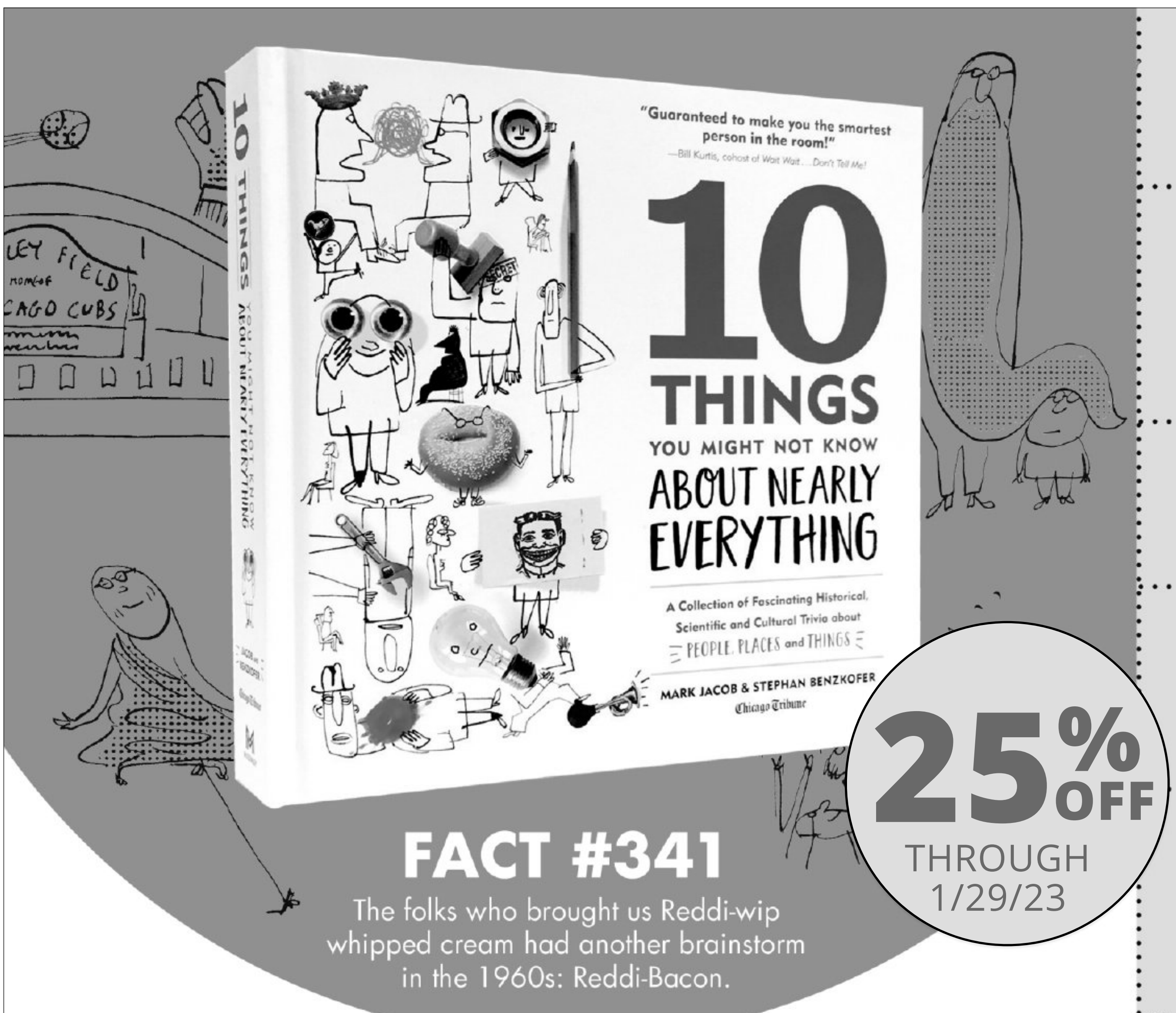
SMU's Rashee Rice looks to be the premier receiver prospect and could be a late first-round or second-round selection. He's more of a glider than a sudden mover and consistently outplayed college defensive backs on fade routes in a spread-heavy offense. Rice has excellent body control, strong hands and a wide catch radius.

Xavier Hutchinson was a record setter at Iowa State, where he caught 254 passes in his career. He does a nice job of using his 6-3, 205-pound frame to shield defenders and create separation. He's a short strider who lacks explosive open-field ability, and in some ways he profiles similar to former Cyclone Allen Lazard, who signed with the Packers as an undrafted free agent in 2018.

Princeton's Andrei Iosivas is a track star, but it's more buildup speed than dynamic quickness off the line. He has a lean frame and it will be interesting to see how he handles increased competition he didn't see in the Ivy League.

The Bears were probably somewhat blinded by Velus Jones' speed a year ago and need to avoid that pitfall in the evaluation process.

There probably isn't a No. 1 receiver who could lead a makeover of the position for the Bears, but that doesn't mean they can't find a player who could help.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FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
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Utah	25	25	.500	10
Minnesota	24	25	.490	10 ½
Oklahoma City	23	24	.489	10 ½
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Denver at Philadelphia, 2p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 4:30p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 6p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 9p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana 116, Chicago 110
New York 105, Cleveland 103
Miami 98, Boston 95
Denver 99, New Orleans 98
Washington 127, Dallas 126
Phoenix 128, Charlotte 97
L.A. Clippers 133, L.A. Lakers 115

ODDS

NBA **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Brooklyn	9	(off)	Detroit
Chicago	5½	(off)	at Charlotte
at Boston	7½	(226)	New York
Cleveland	7	(off)	at Houston
Dallas	1	(228)	at Phoenix
at LA Clippers	13	(234)	San Antonio

NHL **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Washington	-113	Pittsburgh	-108
Detroit	-160	at Montreal	+132
at Tampa Bay	-118	Boston	-102
New Jersey	-140	at Nashville	+116
at Minnesota	-230	Philadelphia	+188
at Winnipeg	-182	Buffalo	+150
at Colorado	-385	Anaheim	+300
at Calgary	-400	Chicago	+310
St. Louis	-162	at Arizona	+134

NFL PLAYOFFS **SUNDAY**

FAVORITE	NOW	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	2½	(46½)	San Francisco
Cincinnati	1	(47½)	at Kansas City

SUPER BOWL LVII MATCHUP ODDS

Philadelphia	vs.	Cincinnati	+205
Philadelphia	vs.	Kansas City	+250
San Francisco	vs.	Cincinnati	+295
San Francisco	vs.	Kansas City	+350

NFL REGULAR SEASON MVP ODDS

PLAYER	NOW	L WK	OPEN
Patrick Mahomes, KC	1-14	1-16	9-1
Joe Burrow, Cin	9-1	9-1	12-1
Jalen Hurts, Phi	15-1	15-1	20-1
Josh Allen, Buf	16-1	15-1	13-2
Justin Jefferson, Min	20-1	100-1	150-1

source: betonline.lv

COLLEGE BASKETBALL **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Wagner	10	St. Francis (BKN)
Eastern Kentucky	1	at Bellarmine
at Appalachian St.	5	Georgia State
at No. Kentucky	17	Green Bay
at Radford	1½	Longwood
at Michigan State	3	Iowa
at Queens	Pk	FGCU
at Memphis	12½	SMU
Jacksonville	3½	at North Alabama
at C. Conn. St.	PK	Merrimack
at Liberty	13½	Stetson
at W. Illinois	5	South Dakota
SIU-Edwardsville	2	at Tennessee Tech
Hofstra	11½	at Elon
at Fla. Atlantic	9	Middle Tennessee
at Morehead St.	7½	Little Rock
Fairfield	1	at Mt. St. Mary's
at Twoson	9½	Northeastern
at William & Mary	4	Stony Brook
Delaware	8	at Hampton
at Wright State	3½	Milwaukee
Western Kentucky	2	at FIU
at James Madison	12	Coastal Carolina
at Marshall	15½	UL Monroe
Drexel	2½	at N.C. A&T
at Kennesaw St.	10	Austin Peay
Texas A&M-Comm.	5½	at LAMAR
at Oral Roberts	17½	Denver
at SE Missouri St.	6	Tennessee State
at St. Thomas	Pk	S. Dakota State
at Rice	1	Charlotte
Grand Canyon	4	at Abilene Christ.
at South Alabama	2½	Old Dominion
at Tarleton State	3½	Utah Tech
at Texas State	2½	Georgia Southern
at Southern Miss	13	Arkansas State
at UMKC	7	Neb. Omaha
at La-Lafayette	4½	Troy
North Florida	1½	at C. Arkansas
at SE Louisiana	8	New Orleans
at Texas A&M-CC	3½	Nicholls State
at Incarnate Word	PK	McNeese
at So. Indiana	11½	Eastern Illinois
at S. Houston	6	Seattle U
Purdue	5	at Michigan
at E. Washington	10	Idaho State
Lipscomb	3½	at Jacksonville St.
at UAB	9½	Louisiana Tech
at So. utah	PK	Utah Valley
UCLA	4½	at USC
at North Texas	19½	UTSA
at Oregon	4½	Colorado
at NW St	13	Houston Baptist
Weber State	2	at Idaho
UC Davis	5	at CS Bakersfield
Long Beach State	4	at Cal poly
UC Irvine	1½	at CS Fullerton
at C Northridge	PK	UCSD
Montana State	3½	at Portland State
at Pepperdien	4½	San Diego
at Loyola Marymt	7½	Portland
at Sacramento St.	1½	Montana
Arizona State	1½	at Washington
Utah	7½	at Oregon State
Arizona	4	at Washington St.
at Hawaii	1	UCSB

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	47	38	5	4	80	181	98
Toronto	48	29	11	8	66	163	127
Tampa Bay	46	30	15	1	61	167	137
Buffalo	47	25	19	3	53	180	160
Florida	50	23	21	6	52	171	176
Detroit	46	20	18	8	48	141	155
Ottawa	46	20	23	3	43	133	152
Montreal	48	20	25	3	43	127	175
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	46	29	9	8	66	151	124
New Jersey	47	31	12	4	66	164	123
N.Y. Rangers	47	26	14	7	59	151	125
Pittsburgh	47	24	15	8	56	155	144
Washington	50	25	19	6	56	158	142
N.Y. Islanders	49	23	21	5	51	143	141
Philadelphia	49	20	21	8	48	136	159
Columbus	47	14	30	3	31	122	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	49	28	13	8	64	169	127
Winnipeg	49	31	17	1	63	161	128
Colorado	46	26	17	3	55	144	126
Minnesota	46	25	17	4	54	145	134
Nashville	47	23	18	6	52	131	137
St. Louis	48	23	22	3	49	152	172
Arizona	48	15	28	5	35	125	175
Chicago	46	14	28	4	32	110	168
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	49	29	17	3	61	158	142
Los Angeles	50	27	17	6	60	163	170
Seattle	46	27	14	5	59	166	144
Edmonton	48	27	18	3	57	178	157
Calgary	48	23	16	9	55	154	146
Vancouver	47	19	25	3	41	160	188
San Jose	49	14	25	10	38	147	187
Anaheim	48	14	29	5	33	118	201

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, late
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, late
Carolina at Dallas, late
Columbus at Edmonton, late
Vancouver at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 8p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 6p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 6p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 6p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Calgary at Seattle, 9p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
St. Louis at Colorado, 2p.m.
Boston at Florida, 5p.m.
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 6p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 6p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 9p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 9:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 3, San Jose 2(OT)
Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3(OT)
Pittsburgh 7, Florida 6(OT)
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2
New Jersey 3, Vegas 2(OT)
Buffalo 5, St. Louis 3
Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1
Colorado 3, Washington 2
Anaheim 5, Arizona 2
Vancouver 5, Chicago 2

POWER PLAY GOALS

through Tuesday; hockey-reference

TEAM	GP	PPG	PPGA	PP%	PPO
Edmonton	48	53	43	31.0	171
Ottawa	46	46	31	26.3	175
Boston	47	44	22	27.2	162
Buffalo	47	43	37	25.7	167
Florida	50	43	49	24.3	177
Tampa Bay	46	43	30	26.9	160
Los Angeles	50	42	44	24.3	173
Toronto	48	38	31	24.7	154
Colorado	46	38	34	24.5	155
Dallas	49	38	27	26.2	145
Vancouver	47	37	45	22.8	162
Pittsburgh	47	37	29	22.2	167
Winnipeg	49	36	22	23.4	154
Minnesota	46	35	33	24.0	146
N.Y. Rangers	47	33	26	22.1	149
Detroit	46	32	32	20.3	158
St. Louis	48	31	29	22.6	137
Vegas	49	31	26	24.0	129
Washington	50	31	25	20.3	153
New Jersey	47	30	27	21.4	140
Calgary	48	30	31	19.7	152
Carolina	46	30	31	18.4	163
Arizona	48	27	48	18.5	146
Seattle	46	27	41	20.3	133
San Jose	49	27	23	20.0	135
Chicago	46	26	34	19.3	135
Philadelphia	49	25	33	16.6	151
Nashville	47	25	33	16.2	154
NY Islanders	49	23	25	16.4	140
Montreal	48	23	45	15.3	150
Anaheim	48	23	47	16.5	139
Columbus	47	20	34	16.0	125

PLAYER	TM	GP	G	PPG
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	46	28	16
Connor McDavid	EDM	48	40	16
David Pastrnak	BOS	47	37	14
Tage Thompson	BUF	47	33	14
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	46	27	13
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	47	22	13
Zach Hyman	EDM	47	24	12
Timo Meier	SJS	49	28	12
Drake Batherson	OTT	46	14	11
Bo Horvat	VAN	47	31	11
Jamie Benn	DAL	49	19	10
Auston Matthews	TOR	46	25	10

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	19	16	2	1	45	16	50
Man City	20	14	3	3	53	20	45
Newcastle	20	10	9	1	33	11	39
Man United	20	12	3	5	32	25	39
Tottenham	21	11	3	7	40	31	36
Brighton	19	9	4	6	37	27	31
Fulham	21	9	4	8	32	30	31
Brentford	20	7	9	4	32	28	30
Liverpool	19	8	5	6	34	25	29
Chelsea	20	8	5	7	22	21	29
Aston Villa	20	8	4	8	23	27	28
Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	18	27	24
Notting. Forest	20	5	6	9	16	35	21
Leicester	20	5	3	12	28	35	18
Leeds	19	4	6	9	26	33	18
West Ham	20	5	3	12	17	25	18
Wolverhampton	20	4	5	11	12	30	17
Bournemouth	20	4	5	11	19	42	17
Everton	20	3	6	11	15	28	15
Southampton	20	4	3	13	17	35	15

FRIDAY, FEB. 3
Chelsea vs. Fulham, 2p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4
Everton vs. Arsenal, 6:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
Brentford vs. Southampton, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Bournemouth, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Liverpool, 9a.m.
Man United vs. Crystal Palace, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. West Ham, 11:30a.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday: vs. Serbia, late at BMO Stadium, Los Angeles
Sunday: vs. Colombia, 5:30 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.
n-March 24: at Grenada, 6:30 p.m.
n-March 27: vs. El Salvador, TBA
n-Nations League

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

s-Feb. 16: vs. Canda at Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla., 6 p.m.
s-Feb. 19: vs. Japan at GEODIS Park, Nashville, Tnn., 2:30 p.m.
s-Feb. 22: vs. Brazil at Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas, 6 p.m.
s-SheBelieves Cup

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Purdue (19-1) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
No. 2 Alabama (17-2) vs. Mississippi St. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 3 Houston (19-2) beat UCF 82-71. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
No. 4 Tennessee (17-3) beat Georgia 70-41. Next: vs. No. 10 Texas, Saturday.
No. 5 Kansas St. (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
No. 6 Arizona (17-3) did not play. Next: at Washington St., Thursday.
No. 7 Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
No. 8 UCLA (17-3) did not play. Next: at Southen Cal, Thursday.
No. 9 Kansas (16-4) did not play. Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 10 Texas (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Tennessee, Saturday.
No. 11 TCU (16-4) did not play. Next: at Mississippi St., Saturday.
No. 12 Iowa State (15-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
No. 13 Xavier (17-4) beat No. 19 UConn 82-79. Next: at Creighton, Saturday.
No. 14 Gonzaga (17-4) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
No. 15 Auburn (16-3) vs. Texas A&M. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
No. 16 Marquette (16-5) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.
No. 17 Baylor (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
No. 18 Charleston (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hofstra, Saturday.
No. 19 UConn (16-6) lost to No. 13 Xavier 82-79. Next: at DePaul, Tuesday.
No. 20 Miami (16-4) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
No. 21 Florida Atlantic (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Thursday.
No. 22 Saint Mary's (Cal) (18-4) did not play. Next: at BYU, Saturday.
No. 23 Providence (15-5) vs. Butler. Next: at Villanova, Sunday.
No. 24 Clemson (17-4) did not play. Next: at Florida St., Saturday.
No. 25 New Mexico (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Air Force, Friday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
American 63, Army 61
Arcadia 84, FDU-Florham 71
Delaware Valley 71, Stevens Tech 63
Duquesne 72, Loyola Chicago 58
E. Connecticut 68, Mass.-Dartmouth 65
Fordham 79, St. Bonaventure 68
Franklin Pierce 72, Assumption 66
George Wash. 92, Saint Joseph's 91, OT
Hartford 73, Stonehill 56
Indiana (Pa.) 72, Slippery Rock 57
Keene St. 80, Plymouth St. 63
Lafayette 62, Loyola (Md.) 46
Lehigh 74, Holy Cross 68
Maine 75, Mass.-Lowell 70
Maryland 73, Wisconsin 55
NJ City 69, William Paterson 67
NJIT 69, UMBC 65
Navy 63, Bucknell 46
New Hampshire 84, Albany (NY) 65
Pittsburgh 81, Wake Forest 79
Post (Conn.) 83, Bridgeport 67
Providence 79, Butler 58
Ramapo 76, Kean 63
Rhode Island 75, Dayton 70
Rowan 83, Tcnj Lions 65
S. Maine 89, Rhode Island Coll. 76
Salem International 89, Tiffin 57
Seton Hill 89, Gannon 74
St. Joseph's (NY) 77, Purchast 75
Staten Island 85, Mercy 70
Susquehanna 67, Goucher 58
Temple 79, South Florida 76, OT
Thiel 69, Bethany (WV) 60
UMass 85, Richmond 76
Vermont 80, Binghamton 55
Virginia-Wise 78, Carson-Newman 65
Washington & Jefferson 84, Chatham 78
Waynesburg 70, St. Vincent 61
West Liberty 104, Davis & Elkins 69
Western Connecticut Wolves 79, Mass.-Boston 75
Wheaton 84, MIT 39
Wheeling Jesuit 82, WV Wesleyan 55
Wilmington (DC) 73, Molloy 62
Wilson College 77, Bryn Athyn 61
Worcester Tech 77, Coast Guard 49
Xavier 82, UConn 79
York (Pa.) 62, Messiah 58
SOUTH

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 South Carolina (20-0) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (19-1) did not play Next: at No. 6 Indiana, Thursday.
No. 3 Stanford (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon St., Friday.
No. 4 LSU (20-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Monday.
No. 5 UConn (18-2) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Thursday.
No. 6 Indiana (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Ohio St., Thursday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Florida St., Thursday.
No. 8 UCLA (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Colorado, Friday.
No. 9 Utah (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
No. 10 Iowa (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
No. 10 Maryland (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Michigan, Thursday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Duke, Thursday.
No. 13 Michigan (16-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Maryland, Thursday.
No. 14 Oklahoma (16-3) lost to Texas 78-58. Next: at No. 18 Iowa St., Saturday.
No. 15 North Carolina (14-5) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
No. 16 Duke (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Virginia Tech, Thursday.
No. 17 Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
No. 18 Iowa St. (14-4) beat TCU 75-35. Next: vs. No. 14 Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 19 Arizona (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
No. 20 NC State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Notre Dame, Sunday.
No. 21 Villanova (18-3) did not play. Next: at No. 5 UConn, Sunday.
No. 22 Illinois (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
No. 23 Middle Tennessee (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. FAU, Thursday.
No. 24 Florida St. (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Notre Dame, Thursday.
No. 25 Colorado (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 UCLA, Friday.

MLB

UNOFFICIAL 2024 BBWAA HALL OF FAME BALLOT

PITCHER	YOB	WAR	W	L	ERA
Billy Wagner	9th	27.7	s-422		2.31
Andy Pettitte	6th	60.2	256	153	3.85
Mark Buehrle	4th	59.1	214	160	3.81
Francisco Rodríguez	2nd	24.2	s-4372.86		437
Bartolo Colon	1st	46.2	247	188	4.12
James Shields	1st	30.7	145	139	4.01
Yovani Gallardo	1st	22.3	121	101	4.06
Doug Fister	1st	19.6	83	92	3.72
Brad Ziegler	1st	13.3	s-105		2.75
Ryan Madson	1st	13.5	s-91		3.48
Phil Hughes	1st	11.0	88	79	4.52
Brandon Morrow	1st	11.1	51	43	3.96
Chris Tillman	1st	8.7	74	60	4.57
Jim Johnson	1st	8.3	s-178		3.79
Santiago Casilla	1st	9.2	s-144		3.29

BATTER	YOB	WAR	HR	RBI	AVG
Todd Helton	6th	61.8	369	1406	.316
Andruw Jones	7th	62.7	434	1289	.254
Gary Sheffield	10th	60.5	509	1676	.292
Carlos Beltrán	2nd	70.1	435	1587	.279
Alex Rodriguez	3rd	117.6	696	2086	.295
Manny Ramirez	8th	69.3	555	1831	.312
Omar Vizquel	7th	45.6	80	951	.272
Bobby Abreu	5th	60.2	288	1363	.291
Jimmy Rollins	3rd	47.6	231	936	.264
Torii Hunter	4th	50.7	353	1391	.277
Adrián Beltré	1st	93.5	477	1707	.286
Joe Mauer	1st	55.2	143	923	.306
Chase Utley	1st	64.5	259	1025	.275
David Wright	1st	49.2	242	970	.296
Matt Holliday	1st	44.5	316	1220	.299
Adrián González	1st	43.5	317	1202	.287
José Bautista	1st	36.7	344	975	.247
José Reyes	1st	37.5	145	719	.283
Victor Martinez	1st	32.0	246	1178	.295
Brandon Phillips	1st	28.4	211	951	.275
Denard Span	1st	27.9	71	490	.281
Chase Headley	1st	25.9	130	596	.263

s-saves; source: baseball-reference.com

TENNIS

111TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Wednesday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, hardcourt outdoors

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#4Novak Djokovic d. #5Andrey Rublev, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
Tommy Paul, d. Ben Shelton, 7-6(6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

SHELTON	Time: 3:04.	PAUL
24	Aces	7
6	Double faults	3
58%	% 1st serve in	66%
76%	Win pct. on 1st serve	86%
47%	Win pct. on 2nd serve	68%
136.7	Fastest serve (mph)	137.7
122.4	1st Serve Average (mph)	115.6
107.5	2nd serve average (mph)	91.3
42	Winners	43
0	Return winners	2
50	Unforced errors	26
3	Return unforced errors	0
2-4	Break points won	3-15
25-36	Net points won	23-28
21-117	Receiving points won	53-162
127	Total points won	152

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#5Aryna Sabalenka d. Donna Vekic, 6-3, 6-2.
Magda Linette d. #30 Karolina Pliskova, 6-3, 7-5.

ROAD TO MEN'S SEMIFINALS

#3 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS
R1: Quentin Halys, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)
R2: Rinky Hijikata, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2
R3: Tallon Griekspoor, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3
R4: #15 Jannik Sinner, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3
QF: Jiri Lehecka, 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
SF: vs. #18 Karen Khachanov

#4 NOVAK DJOKOVIC
R1: Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0
R2: Enzo Couacaud, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-0
R3: #27 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3, 6-4
R4: #22 Alex De Minaur, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2
QF: #5 Andrey Rublev, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
SF: vs. Tommy Paul

#18 KAREN KHACHANOV
R1: Bernabe Zapata Miralles, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2, 6-0
R2: Jason Kubler, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2
R3: #16 Frances Tiafoe, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (11-9)
R4: #31 Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-0, 6-0, 7-6 (4)
QF: #29 Sebastian Korda, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 3-0, retired
SF: vs. #3 Stefanos Tsitsipas

TOMMY PAUL
R1: Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2
R2: #30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4
R3: Jenson Brooksby, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3
R4: #24 Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5
QF: Ben Shelton, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
SF: vs. #4 Novak Djokovic

ROAD TO WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS

#5 ARYNA SABALENKA
R1: Tereza Martincova, 6-1, 6-4
R2: Shelby Rogers, 6-3, 6-1
R3: #26 Elise Mertens, 6-2, 6-3
R4: #12 Belinda Bencic, 7-5, 6-2
QF: Donna Vekic, 6-3, 6-2.
SF: vs. Magda Linette

#22 ELENA RYBAKINA
R1: Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 7-5, 6-3
R2: Kaja Juvan, 6-2, 6-1
R3: #13 Danielle Collins, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2
R4: #1 Iga Swiatek, 6-4, 6-4
QF: #17 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-2, 6-4.
SF: vs. #24 Victoria Azarenka

#24 VICTORIIA AZARENKA
R1: Sofia Kenin, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3)
R2: Nadia Podoroska, 6-1, 6-0
R3: #10 Madison Keys, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1
R4: Lin Zhu, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4
QF: #3 Jessica Pegula, 6-4, 6-1.
SF: vs. Elena Rybakina

MAGDA LINETTE
R1: Mayar Sherif, 7-5, 6-1
R2: #16 Anett Kontaveit, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
R3: #19 Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-3, 6-4
R4: #4 Caroline Garcia, 7-6 (3), 6-4
QF: vs. #30 Karolina Pliskova, 6-3, 7-5.
SF: vs. #5 Aryna Sarabenka

NFL PLAYOFFS

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Justin Jefferson, WR, Minnesota
Patrick Mahomes, QB, Kansas City
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Christian McCaffrey, RB, San Francisco
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Tariq Woolen, CB, Seattle
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Ben Johnson, Detroit off. coordinator
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The winners will be announced at NFL Honors on Feb. 9. A nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league completed voting before the start of the playoffs.

2023 DRAFT ORDER

#	TEAM	RECORD	PCT.	GB	SOS
1	Chicago	3-14	.176	--	.571
2	Houston	3-13-1	.206	½	.481
3	Arizona	4-13	.235	1.0	.529
4	Indianapolis	4-12-1	.265	1.5	.512
5	Seattle (Den)	5-12	.294	2.0	.481
6	Detroit (LAR)	5-12	.294	2.0	.517
7	Las Vegas	6-11	.353	3.0	.474
8	Atlanta	7-10	.412	4.0	.467
9	Carolina	7-10	.412	4.0	.474
10	Philadelphia (NO)I	7-10	.412	4.0	.507
11	Tennessee	7-10	.412	4.0	.509
12	Houston (Cle)	7-10	.412	4.0	.524
13	NY Jets	7-10	.412	4.0	.538
14	New England	8-9	.471	5.0	.502
15	Green Bay	8-9	.471	5.0	.524
16	Washington	8-8-1	.500	5.5	.536
17	Pittsburgh	9-8	.529	6.0	.519
18	Detroit	9-8	.529	6.0	.535
SUBJECT TO PLAYOFF FINISH					
19	Tampa Bay	8-9	.471	5.0	.503
20	Seattle	9-8	.529	6.0	.462
21	LA Chargers	10-7	.588	7.0	.443
22	Baltimore	10-7	.588	7.0	.509
23	Minnesota	13-4	.765	10.0	.474
24	Jacksonville	9-8	.529	6.0	.467
25	NY Giants	9-7-1	.559	6.5	.526
26	Dallas	12-5	.706	9.0	.507
27	Buffalo	13-3	.813	10.5	.503
--	Cincinnati	12-4	.750	9.5	.524
--	Denver (SF)	13-4	.765	10.0	.417
--	Kansas City	14-3	.824	11.0	.453
--	Philadelphia	14-3	.824	11.0	.474
f-Miami		9-8	.529	6.0	.537

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called for Russian athletes to be barred from the 2024 Olympics, but the IOC wants them to compete as neutral athletes. **AP FILE**

OLYMPICS

Paris '24 path for Russians

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

GENEVA — The IOC made clear Wednesday it wants Russians to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympics as neutral athletes, in defiance of Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy's call to exclude them entirely.

Citing a "unifying mission" during a time of war, the International Olympic Committee said no athlete should face discrimination based only on the passport they held.

"A pathway for athletes' participation in competition under strict conditions should be further explored," the IOC said in a statement published after an executive board meeting. IOC president Thomas Bach did not hold his usual news conference after the meeting.

Russia was not directly condemned in the statement though athletes who have been "actively supporting the war in Ukraine" face being excluded from the Paris Olympics, the IOC said.

The IOC cited the example of Yugoslavians competing at the 1992 Barcelona Games — as "independent athletes" while the nation was under United Nations sanctions during a civil war.

The willingness of Olympic leaders to involve Russia and its military ally Bealrus is likely to be met with anger in Kyiv.

Zelenskyy addressed the issue Tuesday after speaking with French president Emmanuel Macron, who helped campaign for the Paris Olympics when it was a bid candidate in 2017.

"I particularly emphasized that athletes from Russia should have no place at the Olympic Games in Paris," Zelenskyy wrote on his Telegram account of his talks with Macron.

The IOC board met to formalize a position after rounds of conference calls last week with global groups of Olympic officials, sports governing bodies, IOC members and athlete representatives.

Despite some pushback in those calls, including from the Ukrainian Olympic body, the IOC claimed Wednesday its stated aims were backed by a "vast majority" of those who took part.

Russians would be classed as "neutral athletes" and "in no way represent their state or any other organization in their country," the IOC said. Russian athletes have not competed under their country's name at any Olympics since the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games because of the fallout from a prolonged doping saga.

Tennis has been the highest profile example in the last 11 months of Russians continuing to compete in their sport without symbols of national identity such as flags and anthems.

One point raised in Ukraine as a sensitive issue is that some Russian athletes are funded and supported by the military and have been awarded ranks.

The Olympic statement suggested responsibility would lie with individual sports governing bodies to ensure that any Russian athlete supporting the war is removed from competition, suspended and reported to the IOC.

The IOC also called on sports bodies to strengthen "full and unwavering commitment to solidarity with the Ukrainian athletes" preparing for the Paris Olympics.

IN BRIEF

Finalists for MVP, other NFL awards announced

News services

Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson and Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes are finalists for The Associated Press 2022 NFL MVP and offensive player of the year awards.

Bills QB Josh Allen and Bengals QB Joe Burrow also are finalists for MVP.

The winners will be announced at NFL Honors on Feb. 9. A nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league completed voting before the start of the playoffs.

■ In the wake of his arrest Monday on suspicion of misdemeanor domestic violence, 49ers DL Charles Omenihu will continue preparing for Sunday's NFC championship game against the Eagles.

Baseball: The Rays and LHP Jeffrey Springs agreed to a four-year, $31 million contract that could be worth $65.75 million over five seasons. The 30-year-old was among seven Rays who swapped arbitration figures with the team Jan. 13.

NBA: James Harden hit two 3-pointers and had a driving layup in the final four minutes against his former teammates and the host 76ers stretched their winning streak to six games with a 137-133 victory over the Nets. Tyrese Maxey led the 76ers with 27 points, and Joel Embiid had 26. Harden added 23, and the 76ers was 35 of 36 from the foul line. The Nets have lost five of the last seven games without Kevin Durant. ... Billionaire mortgage lender Mat Ishbia's purchase of a majority stake in the Suns and WNBA's Mercury at a $4 billion valuation is expected to become official in the next two weeks, ESPN reported.

NHL: The defending Stanley Cup champion Avalanche held off the Capitals 3-2 on Tuesday night in Denver to give coach Jared Bednar his franchise-record 266th victory. Bednar improved to 266-185-49 and passed former Nordiques boss Michel Bergeron for the most coaching victories in franchise history.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Georgetown ends long Big East skid

Primo Spears scored 21 points and Georgetown snapped a 29-game conference losing streak with an 81-76 victory over DePaul on Tuesday night in Washington. Georgetown (6-15, 1-9) won its first Big East game since March 13, 2021, ending the longest skid in the history of the conference. The Hoyas also ended a 10-game losing streak this season. Spears also contributed six assists for the Hoyas. Akok Akok scored 12 points and added six rebounds and four blocks and Brandon Murray recorded 12 points. Umoja Gibson led the Blue Demons (9-12, 3-7) in scoring, finishing with 24 points, four assists and three steals. Spears scored nine points in the first half and Georgetown went into the break trailing 37-36. Georgetown used a 10-0 run in the second half to build a 12-point lead at 75-63 with 1:39 remaining. The Hoyas lost all 19 of their regular-season Big East games last season while going 6-25 overall, including a 21-game losing streak. They also lost their final regular-season Big East game in 2020-21, before going on a surprising four-game run at Madison Square Garden to claim the conference tournament title. That allowed the team to make its lone NCAA tournament appearance during embattled coach Patrick Ewing's tenure.

US Soccer Hall to honor late Wahl

The late Grant Wahl will be honored with this year's Colin Jose Media Award, given to journalists who made long-term contributions to soccer in the United States. Wahl died at age 49 on Dec. 10 after collapsing while covering the World Cup quarterfinal between Argentina and the Netherlands at Lusail, Qatar. Wahl will be honored at the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame induction at Frisco, Texas, on May 6, the Hall said Wednesday. Landon Donovan, DaMarcus Beasley, Lauren Cheney Holiday, Kate Sobrero Markgraf, former U.S. women's coach Jill Ellis and Steve Zungul will be inducted into the Hall. Wahl worked for Sport Illustrated from 1996 to 2021, covering soccer and college basketball, then started his own website. He also worked for Fox and CBS, and he wrote the books "The Beckham Experiment" about England star David Beckham's move to Major League Soccer's LA Galaxy and "Masters of Modern Soccer." Wahl died from an aortic aneurysm. The award, first given in 2004, is named after the Hall's historian emeritus.

Knierim, Frazier eager for nationals

The closest that Olympic pairs skaters Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier got to the U.S. championships in Nashville last year was their hotel room, where they despondently spoke via zoom to reporters waiting for them at the arena. Frazier had tested positive for COVID-19 and the team had withdrawn from the competition. Little did they know that the lowest of lows that night would begin a year spent soaring to newfound heights. Knierim and Frazier successfully petitioned for a spot at the Beijing Games, where they helped the Americans win a team silver medal that could still become gold because of allegations of Russian doping. Then they headed to worlds, where they became the first U.S. pairs champions since Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner more than 40 years earlier. After working on new programs over the summer, the pair swept their Grand Prix assignments at Skate America and the MK John Wilson Trophy, then finished second to a team from Japan at the Grand Prix Final. Now they're back at nationals, which begin Thursday night in San Jose, California, where Knierim and Frazier's run began — sort of — with that positive COVID-19 test the day before competition last year. *—Associated Press*

Tommy Paul celebrates after beating fellow American Ben Shelton in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Wednesday. DITA ALANGKARA/AP

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

No longer 'under the radar'

American late bloomer Paul will face Djokovic in semis

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tommy Paul received a lot less attention than his younger, less-experienced, opponent, Ben Shelton, heading into their all-American quarterfinal at the Australian Open.

Perhaps that was a product of the fascination with the out-of-nowhere Shelton: Just 20, and less than a year after winning an NCAA title for the University of Florida, he was traveling outside of the United States for the first time and participating in his second Grand Slam tournament.

So the loud shouts heard most often emanating from the Rod Laver Arena stands Wednesday, under the sun that carried the temperature to 87 degrees, were for one of the pair: "Let's go, Benny! Let's go!" or "Benny, Benny, Benny! Oi, Oi, Oi!" or "Go, Gators!"

"He had a pretty good trip," Paul noted.

Paul's story is a pretty good one, too, and it's the one that will keep going at Melbourne Park: The 25-year-old was a star in the juniors and now is making good on that promise in the pros, using a 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Shelton to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal in his 14th appearance at a major.

"Every junior to pro has a different path. ... Mine has been, like, the slowest," the 35th-ranked Paul said, mentioning a group of Americans he grew up with: Taylor Fritz, Frances Tiafoe, Reilly Opelka. "I like to think the last four years of my career has just been like steady steps moving up. I mean, that's what it's felt like. I feel like hopefully 2023 is the year where I really make a big jump."

As a bonus, Paul's mother was in the crowd for the biggest victory of his career. He said Mom booked a flight after he won his fourth-round match, then went straight from work to the airport to make the long journey from the U.S.

"She's done a lot for me, from when I was really young until now. She's sacrificed a ton to get me here," Paul said. "She deserves to be here and deserves to see me win big matches."

Paul's next opponent will be 21-time Grand Slam singles champion Novak Djokovic, who overwhelmed No. 5 seed Andrey Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

After dealing with a worrisome left hamstring in his first two matches, Djokovic has been on quite a roll: He's won his last 11 sets and dropped a total of 27 games in that span as he chases a 10th championship in Melbourne — "something that sends a message," he said, "to all my opponents remaining in the draw."

The other men's semifinal Friday is Stefanos Tsitsipas against Karen Khachanov.

After dropping Rublev's record in major quarterfinals to 0-7 and extending his own winning streak at the Australian Open to 26 matches, equaling Andre Agassi for the longest run there in the Open era, Djokovic looked ahead to facing Paul for the first time.

"I know how he plays. ... He's been around for a few years. I watched him play quite a bit, especially during this tournament. He's been playing probably tennis of his life," Djokovic said. "Very explosive, very dynamic player."

Paul initially broke through as a teenager, taking the 2015 junior title at the French Open (beating Fritz) and getting to the junior final at Flushing Meadows that year, too (losing to Fritz).

Since turning professional, he has claimed one tour-level trophy, at Stockholm in 2021, and, until this week, had made it as far as the fourth round at just one Grand Slam tournament — at Wimbledon a year ago.

Now Paul is the first man from his country to make it to the final four at Melbourne Park since Andy Roddick in 2009.

Roddick was also the last man from the U.S. to win a Grand Slam singles championship, at the U.S. Open 20 years ago.

And while Shelton was sort of adopted by the locals — "The crowds have been pretty unbelievable.

"... They kind of treated me like one of their own," he observed — Paul was not drawing the same amount adoration.

"I've been on the outside courts, grinding, until the round of 16," Paul said. "I've been flying under the radar a little bit."

No longer.

The women's semifinals Thursday will be Victoria Azarenka vs. Elena Rybakina, and Aryna Sabalenka vs. Magda Linette.

Sabalenka improved to 9-0 in 2023 without dropping a set yet by saving 12 of 14 break points while beating Donna Vekic 6-3, 6-2. Linette never got past the third round in 29 other Grand Slam tournaments — and exited in the first round at 17 of those — but is still around after a 6-3, 7-5 win over two-time major finalist Karolina Pliskova.

Based purely on ranking, Paul offered a much sterner test than anyone Shelton had faced in Australia: His prior opponents were ranked 67th, 96th, 113th and 154th.

Paul, meanwhile, took out two seeds: No. 24 Roberto Bautista Agut and No. 30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

This matchup was the first Grand Slam quarterfinal between two American men since 2007, when Roddick beat Mardy Fish in Melbourne, and Paul generally was content to block back those big lefty serves that kept coming from Shelton, then do what he could to get the better of back-and-forths.

NFL PLAYOFFS
INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Young QBs grab spotlight in stretch run

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

Patrick Mahomes will be the old man among the starting quarterbacks in the conference title games.

The 27-year-old All-Pro for the Chiefs is the oldest member of one of the youngest groups of starting quarterbacks to make it to this round.

The other three scheduled starting QBs on Sunday are 26-year-old Joe Burrow for the Bengals, 24-year-old Jalen Hurts for the Eagles and 23-year-old rookie Brock Purdy for the 49ers.

The only other time all four starting QBs in the conference title game hadn't yet turned 28 came in 1996 when Brett Favre (27), Mark Brunell (26), Drew Bledsoe (24) and Kerry Collins (24) got there.

Getting to this stage isn't new for Mahomes and Burrow. Mahomes has reached the AFC title game in all five seasons as a starter and can join Tom Brady as the only starting QBs to reach the Super Bowl three times in their first six seasons with a win Sunday.

Burrow won his fifth playoff start last week against the Bills, joining Russell Wilson (six) and Ben Roethlisberger (five) as the only QBs to win at least five starts in their first three seasons in the NFL.

While Burrow was the No. 1 draft pick in 2020 and Mahomes went 10th in 2017, Hurts and Purdy had more improbable journeys to this stage.

Hurts was picked in the second round in 2020 and Purdy went with the last pick in the 2022 draft.

The winner on Sunday will join Colin Kaepernick, Wilson, Nick Foles and Jimmy Garoppolo as the only ones of the 192 QBs taken after the first round in the draft since 2002 to get all the way to the Super Bowl.

Purdy has already had a noteworthy run, joining Joe Flacco (2008) and Mark Sanchez (2009) as the only rookies to win two playoff starts. The only other rookies to get to the conference title game were Shaun King (1999) and Roethlisberger (2004), who did it with one win after a bye.

Purdy is looking to become the first rookie to make it to the Super Bowl, with those four others all losing. They had a combined 51.8 passer rating in the title games with nine interceptions, four TD passes and just 196.8 yards passing per game.

Rematch

The Bengals and Chiefs will meet in the AFC title game for the second straight season, joining rare company for title game rematches.

Since the merger in 1970, the only other teams to meet in the conference title game in back-to-back seasons are the Cowboys and 49ers (1970-71, 1992-94), Steelers and Raiders (1974-76), Oilers and Steelers (1978-79), Browns and Broncos (1986-87), and Ravens and Patriots (2011-12).

In five of those six previous rematches, the team won the first meeting also won the second, with only the Ravens and Patriots splitting. The 1976 Raiders and 1994 49ers did win the trilogy game after losing the first two.

Just for kicks

49ers kicker Robbie Gould extended his postseason run of perfection.

Gould made all four field goal tries against the Cowboys on Sunday, as well as his one extra-point attempt. That made Gould perfect on all 67 kicks he has tried in 15 postseason games for the 49ers, Giants and Bears. He has made all 29 field goals and all 38 extra points.

The only other kicker in NFL history who's perfect in the postseason with at least 10 field goals is Brandon McManus, who's 10-for-10 on field goals and 3-for-3 on extra points.

Will shoreline project keep Lake Michigan's natural fury at bay?

Charles Selle

Another attempt to stave off nature's fury will begin this spring along a portion of Lake Michigan. Perhaps it will be more successful than previous endeavors.

The state will spend $74.5 million to bolster the dwindling sandy shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park near Zion. It may well be the largest capital project in the history of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Plans announced earlier this month, according to Gavin Good's page-one story in the News-Sun, call for 250,000 tons of rocks and other material to be dumped over more than 12 acres of Illinois Beach shoreline to form underwater reefs. An additional 430,000 cubic yards of sand also will be in the mix to stabilize the beaches.

A cadre of geologists and scientists hope the planned work will keep the might of Lake Michigan at bay. Those who have observed the lake over the years, and its natural tendencies to exert its power and cause damage, know that is not an easy task. In previous decades, tons of riprap, large boulders placed as breakwaters to stem wave action, failed to stop erosion.

It was just a few short years ago that wave action from a near-high lake level was devastating Lake Michigan beaches from Door County, Wisconsin, to Indiana Dunes National Park, to those along Michigan's western lakeshore communities. Now, the Big Lake is approaching, or has met its long-term average water level.

Seasonal changes in lake levels have been marked for decades. State geologists point out that from 2012 to 2020, the North Unit of Illinois Beach lost an estimated 670,570 cubic yards of shoreline due to the brutal pounding of ice-laden storms and wind-driven surf.

Taking on the unrelenting waves and saving the park's beaches is an admirable goal. Yet, Illinois Beach, one of the most-visited state parks, seems to need a face-lift.

Perhaps it was that blustery and cloudy winter's day giving it that neglected look. Although the same day, in comparison, Winthrop Harbor's North Point Marina, the largest boat basin on the Great Lakes, had that new-car look.

A mom and her child play along the shore of Lake Michigan at Illinois Beach State Park on Nov. 8, 2021, in Zion. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Losing shoreline to erosion, caused by vacillating water levels and wind-whipped waves, has been a concern for more than 50 years. It is not the only threat to Lake Michigan, which supplies drinking water to most Lake County residents.

There are long-standing ecological problems: Industrial pollution in harbors — which Waukegan is quite familiar with — to invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels, along with loss of wetlands and other wildlife habitat. Toss in climate change — charging stations for electric watercraft which certainly are coming to move marinas to carbon-neutral planning — and saving infrastructure, or just maintaining the status quo along Lake Michigan, will require mega bucks.

A recent international report on the Great Lakes showed Lake Michigan has a "fair and unchanging" ecosystem. The analysis is conducted once every three years as part of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada.

The study noted Lake Michigan has a wide array of plant and animal species, but "invasive species and other stressors continue to affect both water quality and the lake's food web." The lake also faces possible pollution from the ash pits along

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Communities making effort to become 'Dementia Friendly' as cognitive impairment numbers grow

Donna Vickroy

Most of us know someone who has dementia. And if we know that person well, we understand the struggles they endure.

A reticence to go into stores and restaurants.

A pause before responding to a question.

Often feeling alone or overwhelmed.

Among the varied characteristics of dementia are an erosion of confidence when it comes to doing everyday activities.

Confusion, or fear of it, and forgetfulness, or fear of it, can make a person with dementia feel isolated or even unwelcome in their own hometown.

But there's an initiative sweeping the nation that aims to combat these feelings and ensure that the 5 million Americans living with cognitive impairment issues, as well as the 15 million people caring for them, feel included and safe in their communities.

Dementia Friendly America started in 2015. The movement has since been embraced in most states, including Illinois,

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Problems and fears associated with memory loss are difficult and isolating for those who suffer from them — and for their caregivers — but the situation can be made easier by things Dementia Friendly communities are putting in place to help. **CASARSAGURU/GETTY**

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Waukegan's shoreline, left over from the coal-fired power generation plant along Pershing Road and Greenwood Avenue. It's just across the street from the Manville Superfund asbestos site.

Also in the background are toxic "forever chemicals" and microplastic pollution. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10,000 metric tons of plastics enter the Great Lakes each year.

One forever chemical is perfluorooctane sulfonate, manufactured by 3M Co. for decades and found in stain-resistant fabrics and food packaging, among other uses. A front-page story in the Jan. 18 News-Sun warned of eating freshwater fish because PFOS found in them can cause liver damage and cancer in humans.

Shoring up the shoreline at Illinois Beach may help the aesthetics at the state park and protect it from an angry Lake Michigan. Yet there are other dangers to maintaining a healthy ecosystem for the lake's future.

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where more than 25 communities have now earned the Dementia Friendly designation.

Among those already on board are Naperville, Elgin, Orland Park, Highland Park and the Austin and Washington Heights neighborhoods of Chicago.

Tinley Park is hoping to join the ranks this spring.

Assistant Village Manager Hannah Lipman said the southwest suburb actually started the application process before COVID, but the chaos caused by the pandemic put everything on hold.

Now that life is resuming some semblance of normalcy, she said, staff is moving ahead with the process, which involves filing an application and training various members of the community to recognize the signs of dementia so they can communicate more effectively with people who have it.

With the help of Porter Place Memory Care, more than 75 village staffers have undergone training, including firefighters, police officers and front counter workers, Lipman said

Next up is the public library and local businesses, she said.

Colleen Kamin, executive director of Porter Place, a memory care facility in Tinley Park, said, "While we care for those who live with us, it is important to us that all of those affected by dementia disorders and their families and caregivers are treated with respect, dignity and an understanding of this devastating disease."

In order to do that, she brings training sessions into the community.

Anne Sortino, management analyst for the village of Tinley Park, said, "One of the issues with dementia is that too many options can be very overwhelming."

To prevent anger or anxiety caused by option overload, she said, a dementia friendly restaurant might offer a simplified menu, with just a few selections. "It lets the person with dementia feel normal. It lets them enjoy the outing," she said.

It's all about letting people with dementia to participate in society while making the community more compassionate, Sortino said.

Elgin, Arlington Heights and Naperville were among the first communities in Illinois to become accredited.

In Naperville, which earned the distinction in 2020, the public library now uses brightly colored signage to help direct people with dementia to the services they're looking for, said Lisa Kirchner, co-chair for Dementia Friendly Naperville. The police and fire departments use the 90-second rule to allow people with the impairment time to process a question and formulate an answer. They also offer safety alert bracelets and anklets that can be used to locate people who wander off.

Kirchner said the city also takes part in Memory Café, part of a national movement to offer monthly social gatherings for people with dementia and their caregivers.

"We've gotten great turnout and feedback on that," she said.

The purpose of the Dementia Friendly movement, Kirchner said, is to make dementia "more realized and more publicized" and to make the community more sensitive to the needs of people with the diagnosis.

By 2030, she said, it's estimated that nearly 20% of the population in America will be older than 65, increasing the likelihood that almost everyone will know someone with dementia.

By making America dementia friendly, Kirchner said, the public will better understand the condition, increasing acceptance and inclusion while curbing what can be a lifestyle of isolation for millions of people.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL S. JEFFRIES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
19 CH 6360
NOTICE OF SALE

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P.I.N. 12-36-313-004-0000.

Commonly known as 1735 North Thatcher Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ROBERTO TOLLEDO, EVELYN TOLLEDO
Defendants
19 CH 9361
3809 EMERSON DRIVE
SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 28, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 27, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3809 EMERSON DRIVE, SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176
Property Index No. 12-21-221-044-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $257,142.33.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-090030.

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Case Number: 19 CH 9361
TJSC#: 43-130

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2020-2
Plaintiff,
-v.-
GILMAR GRAMAJO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Defendants
2021 CH 00961
1801 N. 74TH AVENUE
ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 29, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 7, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1801 N. 74TH AVENUE, ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707
Property Index No. 12-36-412-029-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $257,524.28.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 21 8345.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KRZYSZTOF WALASEK, BELMONT HEIGHTS NO. 4 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JOHN LYDON, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KRZYSZTOF WALASEK (DECEASED)
Defendants
2022 CH 01480
3045 N PARIS AVE APT 301
RIVER GROVE, IL 60171
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 14, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3045 N PARIS AVE APT 301, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171
Property Index No. 12-26-207-010-1017
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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TJSC#: 43-75

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE MONEY SOURCE INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARILYN J. WENDEL, MARILYN J. WENDEL, AS CO-TRUSTEE OF THE WENDEL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 9, 2018, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE WENDEL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 9, 2018
Defendants
2022 CH 02464
4124 NORTH OKETO AVENUE
NORRIDGE, IL 60706
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Commonly known as 4124 NORTH OKETO AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-13-408-028-000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $271,007.35.

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For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-004277.

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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
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Plaintiff,
-v.-
STANLEY I HOPPER A/K/A STANLEY IRL HOPPER
Defendants
22 CH 06567
4536 NORTH PONTIAC AVENUE
NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 4536 NORTH PONTIAC AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-14-216-021-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence with a two car garage.

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Sealed bids for such work shall be delivered by hand or mail and must be received **by 10:30 AM on Friday February 17, 2023, by the office of the Chief School Business Official, Leyden High School District No. 212, 3400 North Rose Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.** Bids will be opened and read at that time.
Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening.

All interested bidders must demonstrate previous experience with school renovation projects in Illinois schools and complete and file with the Architect, a confidential AIA-A305 Contractor's Qualification Statement. The Qualification Statement must be reviewed by the Architect before bid documents can be obtained. Bid documents will be distributed electronically after the pre-bid meeting. Please email a completed/up to date AIA-305 form to SPM Architects, Inc. at amelendez@spmarchitects.com .

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** shall be held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at West Leyden High School (see address above). General Contractors interested in attending the Pre-Bid shall contact the architect's office:

SPM Architects, Inc. at 708-671-0446 or via email at amelendez@spmarchitects.com .

Qualified bids must include a Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid, which shall be a bid bond or certified check. The school district reserves the right to reject a bid from a General Contractor who in the school district's opinion does not exhibit experience equal to the size and scope of this project.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids for the Renovation Work Project. Bidders may not withdraw a bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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BID DEADLINE: 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023.

NOTICE: Sealed proposals for the **CROWN ROAD AREA ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS** project will only be received by The Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, at the office of the Village Clerk, 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, until the Bid Deadline. Each proposal shall be submitted in an opaque envelope prior to the time and date set forth in the Bid Deadline. Each proposal shall be addressed to the Village Clerk and shall bear on the face of the envelope the name of the bidder and a statement that it is to be opened for the contract at the date and hour as set forth in the Bid Deadline. Immediately after the bid deadline, the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Village reserves the right to defer, postpone, delay, or reschedule the Bid Opening for such time and to such date as the Village, in its sole discretion, determines is in the best interest of the Village.

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CONTRACT SECURITY: The Bidder to whom a Contract is awarded shall be required to furnish either both a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Village for 100 percent of the Contract Price, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

AWARD OF CONTRACT AND RIGHTS RESERVED: The Contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based on criteria set forth by the Village. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, award each schedule individually, and to waive any informalities or technicalities in bidding. The Village shall, in its sole discretion, determine what does or does not constitute an informality or technicality, and, in submitting a Bid, the Bidder agrees to be bound by that determination. No contract will be awarded to any person or entity that is in arrears to the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois upon any debt or contract with the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, or who is a defaulter as to surety or otherwise upon any obligation to the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois

WAGE RATES AND INSURANCE: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish certificates and policies of insurance as stated in Article 5.04 of the Supplemental Conditions. CONTRACTORS must provide Certified Monthly Payroll Reports showing compliance with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, (30 ILCS 570), et seq., and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 et seq.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Bidding Documents can be obtained via the Village's QuestCDN site at: http://qap.questcdn.com/qap/projects/prj_browse/ipp_browse_grid.html?group=3804869&provider=3804869

QUESTIONS REGARDING BIDDING DOUCMENTS: Questions about the project or Bid Documents should be addressed to Jim Post from SMITH LASALLE INC. at jpost@smithlasalle.com

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‘Silver tsunami’ not too old to boogie

Folks who ‘still want to rock’ take over bar’s ‘Geezer Happy Hour’ every Friday

By Joseph Bernstein
The New York Times

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Every Friday night from September to May, at an off-campus nightclub in this thriving college town, a group of die-hard music fans gathers to dance to some of the most devoted live bands in southeast Michigan. There are women in skintight red dresses, long-haired men sucking down bottles of beer and couples flirting in the alcove outside the bathrooms.

In fact, just one thing distinguishes the crowd from nearly any other rock ’n’ roll show in a small city in America: Almost everyone is older than 65.

OK, two things: The show always starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m., in time to get to bed at a reasonable hour.

The party’s official name is “Ann Arbor Happy Hour at Live,” but many people call it “Geezer Happy Hour,” “Geezer Dance Party” or just “Geezers.” It’s organized by Randy Tessier, a 72-year-old University of Michigan lecturer and writing instructor who has played in rock and jazz bands since he moved to the city in 1972, when it was a patchouli-scented center of American counterculture.

From his windowless office in Angell Hall, festooned with posters of Karl Marx, Miles Davis and Jimi Hendrix, Tessier books bands and runs the group’s 2,700-strong Facebook Community page.

“I call us the silver tsunami,” Tessier said. “There’s a lot of us and we still want to rock.”

“Geezer Happy Hour” is the latest iteration of a weekly, musical happy hour that has been happening off and on — mostly on — since it started in the early 1970s at a one-room bar called Mr. Flood’s Party. Over the years, the crowd has aged right along with the acts; some people have been coming to the shows for 50 years.

The turnout on a recent Friday night was typical: a convivial mix of finely preserved hippies, activists, professors, townies, amateur musicians and an assortment of more than 100 other folks older than 60 who simply cannot stop dancing.

They were dressed with unselfconscious flair: There were fringed jackets and fedoras, Western shirts and bow ties, rainbow bandannas and braided beards. Also, there were earplugs, and a walker or two.

“All of the people got older and they’re still here,” said Tom Kenny, a happy-hour long-timer wearing a purple tie-dye shirt and round, John Lennon-style glasses.

Over the years, the happy hour has wandered downtown from venue to venue — the Blind Pig, the Cavern Club, the Heidelberg — before settling at the generically named Live in 2013.

The musical acts range from the almost-famous (two members of Sky King, which put out a record on Columbia in 1975, played the recent show) to the famous-for-the-night.

They play rock, blues, soul, jazz and country: anything that gets the crowd moving, which isn’t very hard.

“It’s beautiful,” said Dan Mulholland, a longtime Ann Arbor musician. “These people will dance to anything.”

Judith Cawhorn, left, and George Fahmie, center, on Jan. 6 at “Geezer Happy Hour” in Ann Arbor, Mich. At the event, the “silver tsunami” has been dancing for decades. **NIC ANTAYA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Among the dancers on the recent Friday were Judith Cawhorn, 76, and George Fahmie, 84, both retired. They first met on match.com in 2010. Cawhorn had been going to the happy hour for years, and she didn’t want to tell Fahmie about the party until she knew he could really dance. (“He was so much older than me,” she said.)

So on their first date, she put him through the paces at another bar. Fahmie passed. Now, Cawhorn calls him “my sweetie,” and the couple was among the first on the dance floor and the last to leave.

“Most people are dead at my age,” Fahmie said. “But tap twice on the table and I’ll get up and start dancing.”

The staff of Live, which transforms into a bottles-and-tables dance club for young professionals around 10 p.m., adores the elderly crowd.

“They have the most fun,” said Chelsea Anderson, a 31-year-old bartender, who has been working the happy hour for six years. “Everybody loves each other. It’s a stark difference from the late crowd, where everyone is upset and barfing.”

Plus, Anderson said, the happy hour regulars are “creatures of habit” who rarely change their drink orders; the only downsides, she added, are that they lose stuff a lot and have, on a few occasions, needed an ambulance.

That night, dressed in a star-spangled T-shirt and jeans, Tessier played bass and sang in a five-piece band of veteran local musicians. The crowd was especially excited to see Peter Madcat Ruth, a virtuosic, Grammy-winning harmonica player. Over two sets, the group tore through 20 songs, including the Beatles’ “Ticket to Ride,” the Meters’ “Cissy Strut” and Santana’s “Samba De Sausalito.”

“They’re the top elite of the Ann Arbor rockers,” said Corky Wattles, 66, a retired car salesperson.

Between sets, Wattles and about a dozen other people ambled out onto South First Street to get stoned.

Ann Arbor has been synonymous with marijuana activism for a half-century. A December 1971 rally to free activist John Sinclair — Tessier’s friend — then serving a 10-year prison sentence for possession of two joints, drew 15,000 supporters, who watched Lennon and Stevie Wonder perform, and Bobby Seale and Allen Ginsberg speak. Four months later, after the Michigan Supreme Court ruled the state’s felony cannabis law was unconstitutional, revelers held the first Hash Bash (like Mardi Gras, but for weed) on campus.

“We’ve been doing this for 50 years,” said Ruby Butler, 73, between pulls off a small glass pipe. “Only now, it’s legal!”

Also among the tokers was Griff Griffin, 70, a retired computer consultant who described himself as a modern philosopher. Griffin wore a multicolored peace-sign necklace, and a single, straw-colored dreadlock that he said he hadn’t cut since the start of the first Gulf War, in 1990.

“It’s the only thing that keeps growing,” he said.

For its devotees, the Geezer party isn’t just a link to the past, but a sustaining communal ritual.

Wattles refers to its members as her “tribe” and the event itself as the “church of dance.”

“It is the most wonderful thing in my life,” said Maggie Levenstein, another regular. “It makes me happy every single week.”

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WATER LOG: For which you'll stay dry

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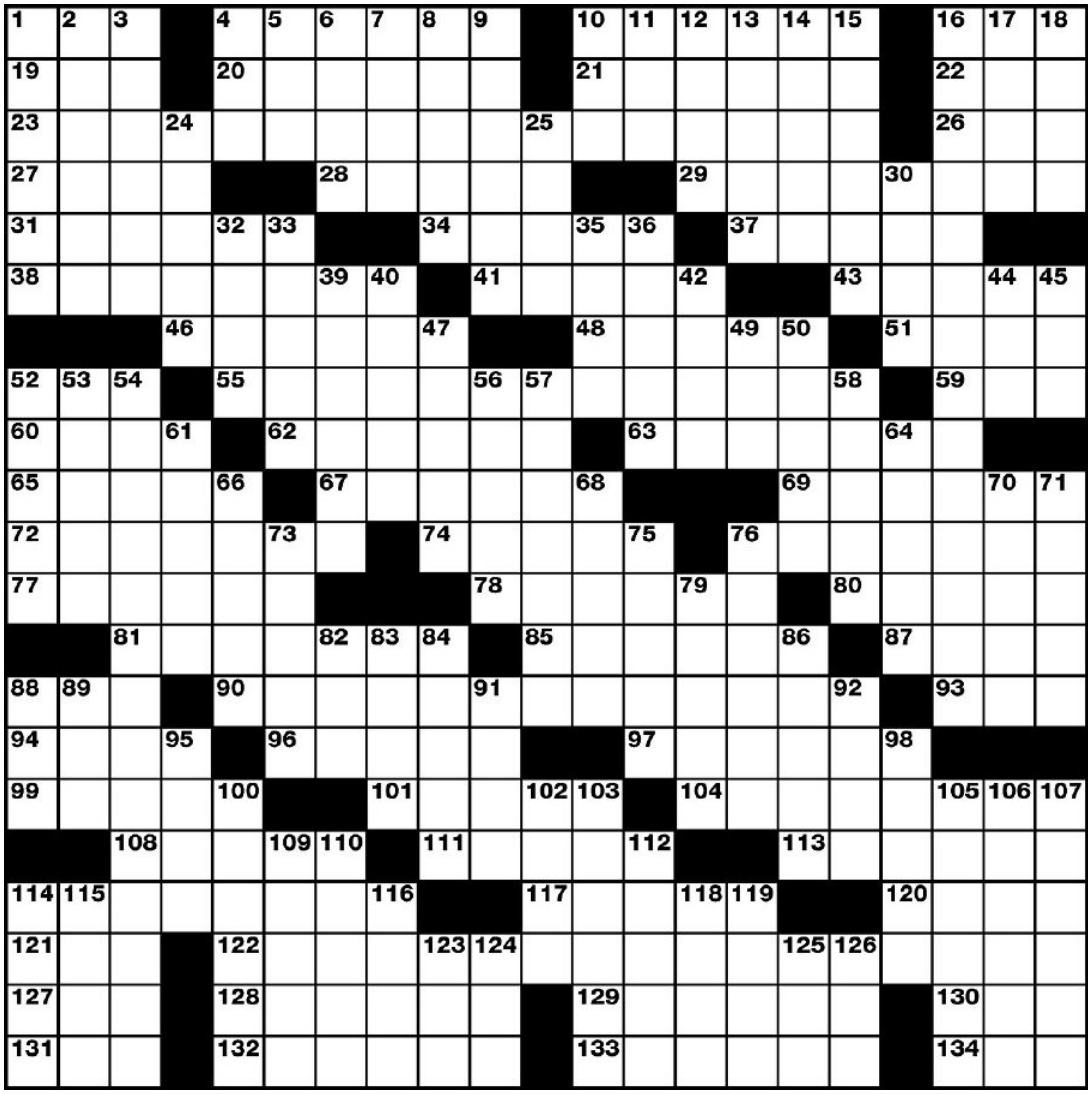

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Across

1 Homer Simpson shout
4 Weather map line
10 Went separate ways
16 Jamaican pop music
19 "… __ he drove out of sight"
20 Be generous
21 Help make possible
22 Furnace fuel
23 Gives up an effort
26 GI entertainment group
27 Utmost height
28 Mandela's native language
29 Washer cycle
31 NY Mets' division
34 Goes (for)
37 Apprehension
38 Draw near
41 *60 Minutes* reporter
43 Twine fiber
46 Annoy repeatedly
48 Expanse of land
51 S&L holding
52 Software download
55 Wastes time and energy futilely
59 Monopolize
60 Minimal musical groups
62 Serengeti scavengers
63 Convention address
65 "Are you in __?"
67 Puts forth, as force
69 Shape of many a chalet
72 Embossed art
74 Pulitzer composer Ned
76 Sunday shopping ban
77 Home-building bird
78 Kiribati's capital
80 Old-school "Cool!"
81 Some Louvre works
85 Subject to a fine, say
87 Long haul
88 "Barbary" beast
90 Watches films online
93 *ER* roles
94 Guitar range
96 Can't help but
97 Provides new gear for
99 Bend forward and downward
101 Toy truck giant
104 Disposable injection units
108 Some rideshares
111 Seasonal songs
113 Top-speed run
114 Defensive walls
117 Stuck together
120 Bring to ruin
121 Orbital path
122 Starts moving in earnest
127 Tool and __ company
128 Father of the Titans
129 Moon of Jupiter
130 One in a flock
131 __ in "Stockholm"
132 Packing a punch
133 Gyrocompass inventor
134 Blog feed format: Abbr.

Down

1 Render harmless
2 Ancient prophet
3 NASCAR topper
4 Passports, for short
5 Cry audibly
6 Cameo stone
7 Spot for a soak
8 Dumas swordsman
9 Hershey brand
10 Fried rice morsel
11 Your choice of
12 Hoarse voice
13 Air Force aerobat, familiarly
14 Church dignitary
15 Some farm machines
16 Warns of danger
17 Warm greeting
18 Natural balm
24 Remove by percolation, as soil
25 Creator of Mickey and Minnie
30 "__ to please"
32 Hunk of bacon
33 Synagogue scroll
35 Backing for plaster
36 Animated ogre
39 Assent
40 Suburban London county
42 Metallic fabric
44 In years past
45 Chicken portion
47 More reasonable
49 Playfully evasive
50 Of sound quality
52 Accessorize
53 Blender setting
54 Combines several's supplies
56 Divination deck
57 Sandal features
58 Far from enjoyable
61 Set of furniture
64 Armour's Spam rival
66 Freezing temperatures
68 Immunization fluid
70 Defeated in chess
71 *Star Wars* series beasts
73 Latte foam
75 Posh residence
76 Make more alkaline
79 Bard's title spouses
82 Tax-deferred plan
83 Take a timeout
84 Kept secret
86 Inheritors
88 Workout target
89 Butter portion
91 A third of tri-
92 Very short distance
95 Japanese noodles
98 Swaggering walk
100 Invigorates
102 Brewery hardware
103 WWII side
105 More microscopic
106 Funds long-term
107 Paving pieces
109 Photocopy, for short
110 Fender guitar, for short
112 Dawn
114 Stationer's stock
115 Contralto solo
116 __ qua non (essential thing)
118 To be, to Henri
119 Cabinet cover
123 Convent member
124 Big Ben clock setting: Abbr.
125 Visa statement abbr.
126 Caribbean isle

Play It Again

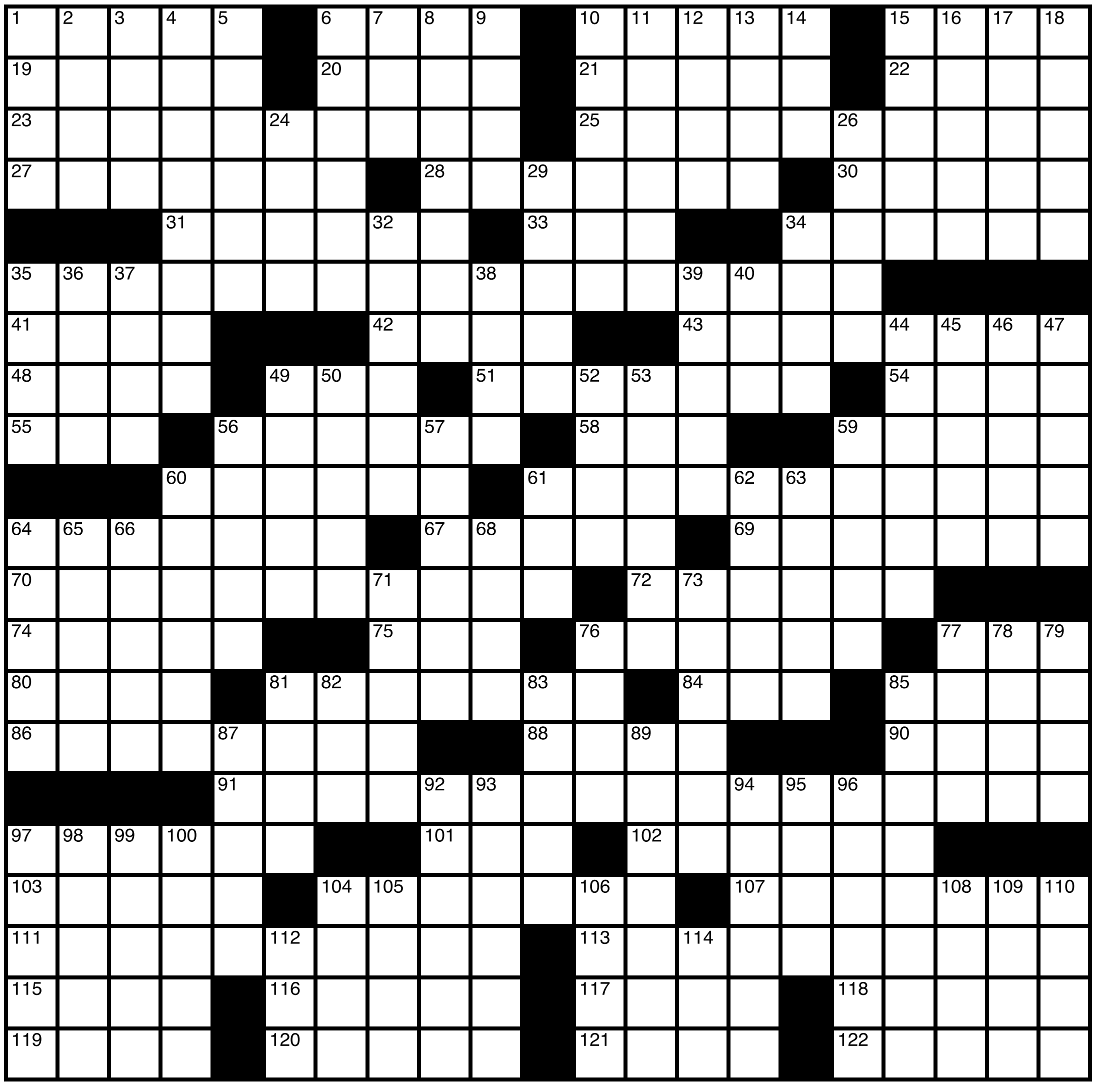
By Alan Massengill & Doug Peterson
Edited by Patti Varol and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Across

1 Pesters online, in a way
6 Dorothy Gale's dog
10 Wore
15 Three-time WNBA MVP Leslie
19 Divvy up
20 Husband of Psyche
21 "Just tell me"
22 Iraq neighbor
23 Lizzo "remake" of the Beatles' "I Feel Fine"?
25 Dua Lipa "remake" of Katrina and the Waves' "Walking on Sunshine"?
27 Snookums
28 Defiant admission of dishonesty
30 Thirsts (for)
31 Least refined
33 Early console letters
34 Accessory for Mr. Monopoly
35 Taylor Swift "remake" of the Eagles' "Take It Easy"?
41 "__ have to do"
42 "Creed" director Coogler
43 Wimbledon surface
48 Petting zoo horse
49 LAX regulator
51 Find repugnant
54 Folder's loss
55 Doo-wop syllable
56 To no avail
58 Get-up-and-go
59 Descendant
60 "Will you let me?"
61 Marvin Gaye "remake" of Glenn Miller's "In the Mood"?
64 Direct means of access
67 Slow-cooked courses
69 Anthem played at Blue Jays games
70 Steve Miller Band "remake" of Screamin' Jay Hawkins' "I Put a Spell on You"?
72 Conditional release
74 "Rumble in the Jungle" locale
75 Trifling amount
76 Cowhand's seat
77 Media-regulating gp.
80 One-named supermodel
81 Most efficient
84 __ socket
85 Corn holder
86 Final request
88 Pet food brand
90 Allowing a draft
91 Jay-Z/Alicia Keys "remake" of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York"?
97 Dicey
101 Connections
102 Paste-up pieces
103 Cola originally named Brad's Drink
104 Dips for Easter
107 Keeps adding to, as mashed potatoes
111 Ed Sheeran "remake" of the Rays' "Silhouettes"?
113 Lady Gaga "remake" of the J. Geils Band's "Love Stinks"?
115 Actor Stonestreet
116 Yankee manager before Girardi
117 Big name in footwear
118 Resolves a tense problem, say
119 Ahi, for one
120 Irritable
121 Knitter's ball
122 Station

Down

1 Hangs loosely
2 Snowbank creator
3 Banana Boat After Sun Gel ingredient
4 Using contemporary styles
5 Work in a park, perhaps
6 Snickered
7 Vein contents
8 "Anna Karenina" novelist
9 Scandinavian capital
10 Jewish campus group
11 AARP concern
12 Plunge
13 "Metamorphoses" poet
14 __ worth
15 Brightened
16 Like Oscar Wilde
17 With 45-Down, West Coast racing venue
18 Teen sensation, perhaps
24 Fries, e.g.
26 As a companion
29 Harebrained
32 Maroon
34 Affectedly dainty
35 Litter cries
36 Brief "Then again ... "
37 Wing support
38 Suffragist Elizabeth __ Stanton
39 Faucet problems
40 Cries of dismay
44 Wisconsin city between Milwaukee and Chicago
45 See 17-Down
46 Tolerated
47 Medicinal shrub
49 Flora partner
50 Had a bug
52 Gush forth
53 Place for a pawdicure
56 Word with mail or box
57 Iberian capital
59 No longer novel
60 Dry red wine
61 Actress Thompson
62 Motown Records founder Berry
63 Maître's milieu
64 Brownish green
65 First president with a Twitter account
66 Pares
68 Accurate
71 Tokyo-based brewery
73 "__ Fideles"
76 ESPN datum
77 Vanuatu neighbor
78 Family circle
79 Twine
81 Guacamole ingredient
82 Predict-ability?
83 Spacek of "Bloodline"
85 1941 Bogart role
87 Group pic
89 Italian dessert wine
92 Struggles
93 Provides (with)
94 "Julie & Julia" writer/director
95 Froyo topping
96 Made bubbles
97 In a huff
98 1960s jacket style
99 Nadal's birthplace
100 Pet adoption org.
104 __ effort
105 Sandwich with tzatziki sauce
106 Site for a bidding war
108 Salon sound
109 Bi- quadrupled
110 Place for a clutch
112 Non-Rx
114 Musical arcade game, for short



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

GIYEHT
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PSEORY
○ ☐ ☐ ☐ ○ ☐

YDIHRB
☐ ☐ ☐ ○ ○ ○

WORHNT
○ ☐ ☐ ☐ ○ ☐

APNSIR
☐ ○ ○ ☐ ☐ ○

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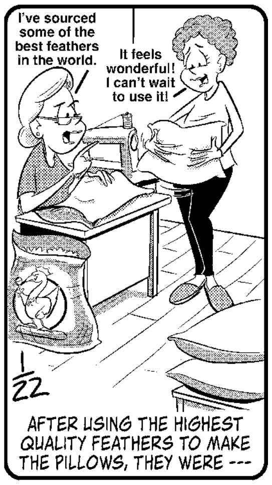
I've sourced some of the best feathers in the world.
It feels wonderful! I can't wait to use it!
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Sudoku

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Level: 1 2 **3** 4

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		8			3	7		
	4				9			
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8	2						7	1
5				7				
			9				3	
		3	6			1		
		9			4		6	

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1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Strength	28 84 92 116 32
B. Anew	53 123 23 41 46 145
C. Legal code developer	59 134 90 27 126 80 138 17
D. Angler's take	151 120 144 49 98
E. Insensitive	101 112 64 25 141 99
F. Exposed: 2 wds.	88 156 6 12 143 121 117 54
G. Egyptian tomb findings	44 18 111 155 62 58 82
H. Succeed: 2 wds.	131 45 158 63 137 34 69 29
I. Present but invisible	87 103 113 37 153 132
J. Basically: 2 wds.	152 16 133 140 86 76 31
K. Unload	105 129 9 108 38 1 71 148 78
L. Exploded: 2 wds.	36 70 35 115 122 83 56
M. Express with fervor	150 127 15 33 75 106 159
N. Below: 2 wds.	79 91 157 42 135 125 60 142
O. Become more lenient: 3 wds.	61 93 136 47 102 4 104
P. Curtails: 2 wds.	109 68 94 77 55 114 149 30
Q. Disorganized: 3 wds.	96 107 97 74 73 24 43 146 130 100
R. Swear	48 22 67 19
S. Intricate	128 3 21 95 118 89
T. Gracefully slender	52 5 81 65 124 11
U. Inappropriate	110 85 154 72 10 39 160 26
V. Parsonage head	119 50 7 20 13 139
W. Uniformity	66 40 57 147 14 8 51 2

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■	10 U	11 T	■	12 F	13 V	14 W	15 M	■	16 J
17 C	18 G	19 R	20 V	■	21 S	22 R	23 B	■	24 Q
25 E	26 U	27 C	28 A	29 H	30 P	31 J	■	32 A	33 M
34 H	35 L	■	36 L	37 I	■	38 K	39 U	40 W	41 B
■	42 N	43 Q	44 G	45 H	■	46 B	47 O	48 R	49 D
50 V	51 W	52 T	■	53 B	54 F	55 P	■	56 L	57 W
58 G	59 C	■	60 N	■	61 O	62 G	63 H	64 E	65 T
66 W	■	67 R	68 P	69 H	70 L	71 K	■	72 U	73 Q
■	74 Q	75 M	76 J	77 P	78 K	79 N	80 C	81 T	82 G
■	83 L	84 A	85 U	86 J	87 I	88 F	89 S	■	90 C
91 N	■	92 A	93 O	94 P	■	95 S	96 Q	■	97 Q
98 D	99 E	■	100 Q	101 E	102 O	■	103 I	104 O	105 K
■	106 M	107 Q	108 K	109 P	110 U	111 G	112 E	■	113 I
114 P	■	115 L	116 A	117 F	■	118 S	119 V	120 D	121 F
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130 Q	131 H	■	132 I	133 J	134 C	135 N	■	136 O	137 H
138 C	139 V	140 J	141 E	■	142 N	143 F	144 D	145 B	146 Q
147 W	148 K	■	149 P	150 M	■	151 D	152 J	153 I	154 U
■	155 G	156 F	157 N	158 H	159 M	160 U	■	■	■

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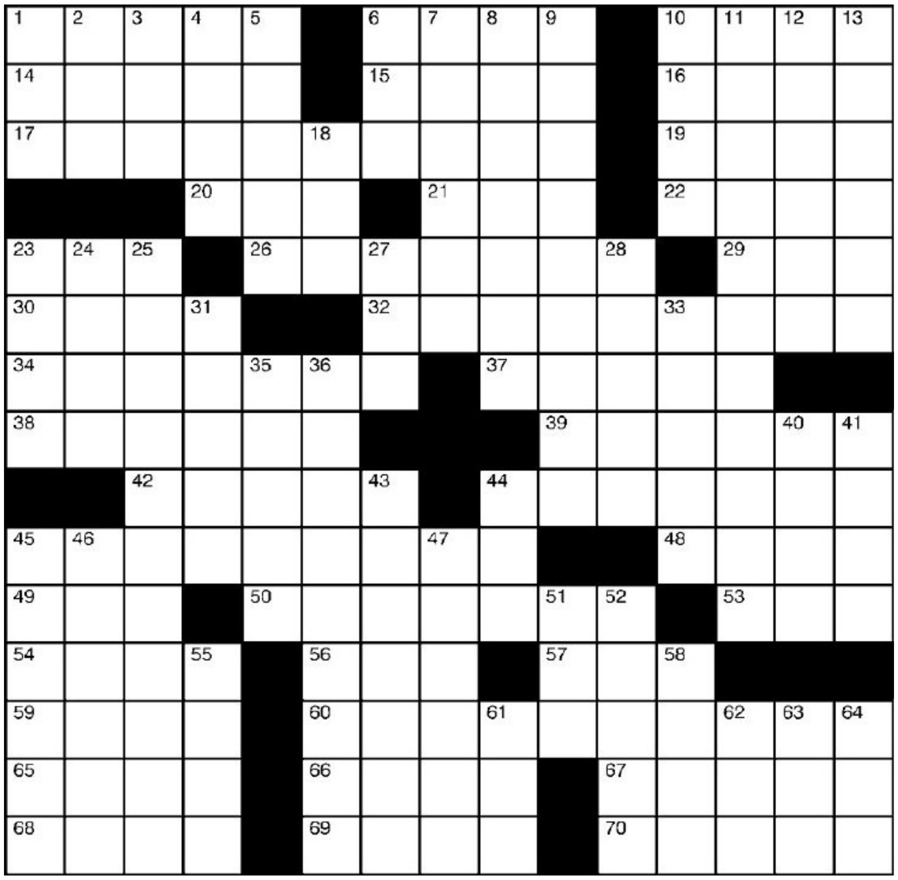

Across

1 Journalist Saint Johns
6 17th C. end
10 Western Athletic Conference footballers
14 Provincial
15 Plane starter
16 Center
17 Escoffier, *e.g.*
19 Moth specimen
20 Litigate
21 Ref
22 Egyptian solar deity
23 911 call
26 Gadgets
29 Mil. decoration
30 Overstuff
32 Two for tea
34 Parts of speech
37 Needle cases
38 La-di-da
39 Invalidates
42 Flat or curling followers
44 Position
45 You first
48 Greek portico
49 Brit. military branch
50 Kettledrums
53 Brief psychic propensities
54 Aloha relative
56 Kind of lace
57 Append
59 Saharan
60 In the English manner
65 Feckless fellow
66 Seville boy
67 Actor Flynn
68 Fruit drinks
69 Small amounts
70 Run-down

Down

1 Curved trajectory
2 Twosome
3 Stray
4 Youths
5 Orally
6 Fairy queen
7 Mislead
8 Reduce to ashes
9 Sudden political takeover
10 Bruins' home turf: abbr.
11 Chop-chop
12 Hemingway
13 Medium's session
18 Modernist
23 Some jazz singing
24 Catholic service manual
25 Know-how
27 Lt. makers
28 Hot spot
31 Liverpool measure
33 Hues
35 Perch
36 Connoisseur
40 *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* author
41 Pop's partner
43 African nation
44 Government agcy.
45 Mysteries
46 Mated
47 Elevated region
51 Epithet for Xanthippe
52 Runs in neutral
55 Chances
58 Evince courage
61 Dissenting words
62 Dander
63 Grass clump
64 Famed English cathedral

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AND■BRUISER■■■COMET■■
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■THRONE■■LIEIN■OILERS
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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Elizabeth) KOLBERT: THE TERRIBLE TEENS: But… the tangle of laws that apply to adolescents bespeaks a generalized confusion. Lawmakers just can't seem to decide whether they think teenagers are underinformed or overly impulsive or just klutzy.

Last week's Sudoku

5	3	4	8	7	1	2	9	6
6	7	2	4	9	5	3	8	1
9	8	1	3	2	6	5	7	4
7	2	9	6	4	8	1	3	5
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8	1	6	9	5	3	7	4	2
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This week's Jumble

EIGHTY HYBRID SPRAIN
OSPREY THROWN FLINCH

After using the highest quality feathers to make the pillows, they were —

DOWNRIGHT PERFECT

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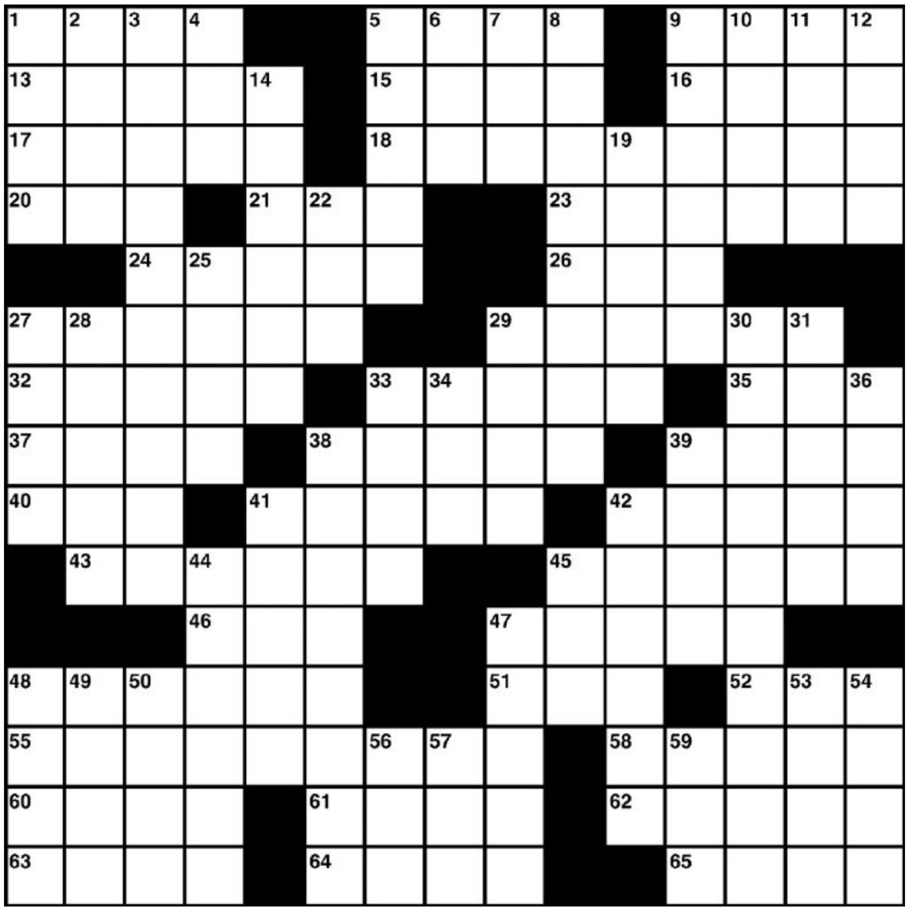
Interactive puzzles and games

Crossword



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ACROSS

1 Smile
5 Suffix for do or suit
9 "And not only that…"
13 Turner & others
15 College official
16 Conceited
17 Two quartets combined
18 Like permanent ink
20 Itty-bitty
21 Fuss and bother
23 Cuts of beef
24 Bookworms
26 "America's __ Talent"
27 Ritzy residence
29 Tendons
32 BBQ rods
33 Cuckoo
35 Linden, for one
37 Experts
38 Pond scum
39 Shabby nightclub
40 Hankering
41 On __; in the spotlight
42 Web surfer's stops
43 Shun
45 Spirited horses
46 In the __; naked
47 One of the planets
48 Large antelope
51 Grow old
52 Cake ingredient
55 Pausing uncertainly
58 Sky's color
60 Escape
61 Pliers or saw
62 Disguises
63 MMXXIII, for one
64 "Certainly!"
65 Bothersome person

DOWN

1 Luster
2 Track-and-field event
3 Aims
4 Bagpiper's refusal
5 "Bye!"
6 Big __; London landmark
7 Youth
8 Give vigor to
9 Operate a plane
10 Lovable retrievers
11 Sandy sediment
12 Tip jar bills
14 Begins
19 Wacko
22 …FDR, HST, __, JFK…
25 Chows down
27 Get a glimpse of
28 Wild activity
29 Like peas in a pod
30 Home for Jill & Joe
31 Rescued
33 Talon
34 Tractor trailer
36 Not as much
38 James and Rod
39 Count calories
41 Layered rock
42 Brook
44 Lunar "dimple"
45 Droop
47 Bird of prey
48 Doubtful
49 Stag party attendee
50 Sincere request
53 Aggravates
54 "Judge not, __ ye be judged"
56 Part of a vowel list
57 Neither's partner
59 Heat in the microwave

Solutions

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FALTERING■AZURE
FLEE■TOOL■MASKS
YEAR■SURE■■PEST

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Looking for more fun things to do this week? Here are some suggestions in Pioneer Press towns.

The Next Step

"The Father" will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays from Jan. 26-Feb. 5 at Theatre of Western Springs, 4384 Hampton Ave., Western Springs. Tickets: $25; $12 students and children. 708-246-4043; theatreofwesternsprings.com.

A retired dancer, who lives with his adult daughter and her husband, or so it seems, copes with the confusing world of dementia in Florian Zeller's psychological drama. The film adaptation of this play earned Anthony Hopkins an Academy Award.

It's a Drag

"The Legend of Georgia McBride" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays from Jan. 26-March 4 at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Tickets: $40-$45. 847-577-2121; metropolisarts.com.

An Elvis impersonator is going through some tough times jobwise until he finds his new calling as a unique drag persona in this music-filled show by Matthew Lopez.

A Time to Remember

The second weekend of the 10th anniversary of the JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival will be streamed Jan. 26-29 and presented in person Jan. 29 at the Landmark Theatre in the Glen, 1850 Tower Drive, Glenview. Tickets: $15; $36 Festival Pass for all three movies. 224-488-3386; jccfilmfest.org.

The films selected for this weekend have been chosen to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27. The in-person presentations are "Reckonings" (11 a.m.), "The Conference" (12:45 p.m.), and "Lost in Transport" (3 p.m.).

Fooling Around Again

DC's Reflecting Fools will perform at 8 p.m. Jan. 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 28, and 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd. Tickets: $42-$52. 847-673-6300; northshorecenter.org/events-tickets/coming-soon.

The musical parody group created last year by former members of the Capitol Steps returns.

Moment to Moment

"The Moment" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27-28 at Madison Street Theater, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. Tickets: $25. 708-634-5700; madisonstreettheater.org.

Thirteen playwrights, composers and songwriters from CPA Theatricals Inc. collaborated on this new musical, which explores scenes from the lives of a grandmother and her family.

— *Myrna Petlicki*

Alexander Gemignani plays a dying man with a huge imagination, and Heidi Kettenring is his wife in "Big Fish" at the Marriott Theatre through March 19.
JOE MAZZA/BRAVE LUX

'An incredible story'

Marriott Theatre spins tall tales with 'Big Fish'

By Myrna Petlicki

The life of a traveling salesman can be an adventure. In the case of Edward Bloom it has included encounters with a Witch, a Giant and a Mermaid. Or so Edward tells his son Will in "Big Fish," presented Jan. 25 to March 19 at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

Performances of the musical by John August (book) and Andrew Lippa (music and lyrics) are 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays.

Broadway veteran Alexander Gemignani, who moved to Evanston in August to teach at Northwestern University, plays Edward Bloom. He described Edward as "mercurial, complex, playful, proud. I know this might sound weird, but also humble. I think he really wants to empower his son to enjoy his life, and dream, and imagine the possibilities."

Gemignani said that Edward has a complex relationship with Will. "It's the classic conversation of somebody saying one thing and somebody else hearing something different," he explained.

When they are together, Edward attempts to teach Will "to find his own point of view and his perspective on the world," Gemignani said, sharing the importance of "love and bravery and truth and honor and pride and integrity. Edward's mode of doing that is telling these fantastic stories."

"I'm having trouble picking out the differences between Will and myself," admitted Michael Kurowski, who plays the son. "Will's a reporter and I think that's the only difference we have so far. Will's a guy in his late 20s, he's expecting his first child, and he's getting married to a wonderful woman."

Will is trying to understand who his father is "so that he can make up for the mistakes that his father made when he has his own child," the father of two explained. "The way that this show talks about the first feelings of having children is spot on."

Another similarity the actor mentioned is that he has had a strained relationship with his father, which is being repaired.

Will grows up to realize the truth behind the many stories that his father told him about his exploits. "This guy didn't actually meet Gandhi, he didn't invent the microwave," Kurowski said.

The actor confessed that the biggest challenge of his role is "watching everybody else play these incredible circus performer characters and not being able to join in the fun."

Heidi Kettenring, who plays Sandra Bloom, Edward's wife and Will's mother, likes the fact that she gets to play an age range from 18 to someone "who's old enough to have a son who's about to get married," she said. Kettenring also enjoys playing "scenes that are firmly based in reality and some that are a little fantastical because it's Edward's recollections."

Surprisingly enough, Kettenring reported, Sandra believes Edward's far-fetched stories.

"I believe that all of these people and all of these moments he talked about existed," Kettenring said. "He's embellishing them to inspire Will."

Kurowski said the show is perfect for all ages. "If you're a kid, you get to see a fantastic amount of lights, color, flash, circus, magic. And it's really funny," he said. "If you're anywhere over the age of 12, you're going to see an incredible story of a father and son trying to reconcile."

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

'BIG FISH'

When: Jan. 25-March 19
Where: Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire
Tickets: $59-$64
Information: 847-634-0200; marriotttheatre.com

Listings are subject to change.
Please call the venue in advance

Thursday, January 26

Genealogy Club--Share Your Research: 1-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. The Indian Prairie Genealogical Group presents monthly programs for people interested in genealogical research and family history. Local genealogists share their tips on doing research. What have you been researching over the past year? Bring your stories, your questions, and we'll talk.

Introduction to the Windows Computer (7-Week Course): 10-11:30 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This seven-week course teaches you the components of a computer, how to use a mouse, Windows desktop, introduction to applications, files and folders, and using the Internet. Class content is sequential and requires a seven-week commitment. Presented by the People's Resource Center.

In Pursuit of Happiness--Immigrants in Our Communities: 1-5 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457. elmhursthistory.org. This exhibit examines the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Gain an understanding about DuPage County's growing diversity and the challenges faced by immigrants in the U.S.

Skill Up DuPage (In-Person): 10:30-11:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. From entry to executive levels, learn how workNet DuPage Career Center can help (re)start your career through training and job search support. Live in-person. Registration required.

Skill Up DuPage (Virtual): 10:30-11:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. From entry to executive levels, learn how workNet DuPage Career Center can help (re)start your career through training and job search support. This program is live on Zoom. Register to receive the information to join. A limited number of seats are available in-person at the library.

A Chorus Line - January 25-March 19: 1:30 p.m. Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Ln, Oakbrook Terrace. $82 - $87. drurylanetheatre.com. A backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus, this features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love." The rated PG musical won the Pulitzer Prime for Drama, and nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Score, and four Drama Desk Awards.

Friday, January 27

Winter Science: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive, for families with children 7 and under. Learn how polar bears stay warm, play with light and shadow, and more at this STEM program that explores the wonders of winter.

The Moment!: 7:30-9 p.m. Madison Street Theatre, 1010 Madison St, Oak Park. $25. (708) 634-5700. madisonstreettheater.org. Come see The Moment, an edgy, gritty musical about struggling with changes in life at Madison Street Theater on January 27th or 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Middle School Gaming/Movie, Grades 5-8 : 3:30-4:45 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Kids and teens in grades 5-8 are invited to drop in to watch a movie or play games. All movies will be rated G or PG.

Saturday, January 28

Crafting for Canines: 1:30-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Make dog toys to donate to a shelter. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Elsa, a therapy dog, will be there to test the dog toys. Presented with Paws 4 Kids 4 Paws.

International LEGO Day: 2-3:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Whether you're a master builder or a builder-in-training, everything is awesome with LEGO! Try our building challenges or think up your own. Just drop in for this live, in-person program. No registration required.

BookStories Film Series--Notting Hill: 2:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. This winter we're celebrating books, bookstores, and libraries with a series of screenings of films highlighting bookstores. Today we'll watch Notting Hill with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. Save your seats at wp.me/pbFvB5-12m5.

West Suburban Lapidary Club: 1-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $5 - $10. (630) 883-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. For teens to adults who are interested in the lapidary arts to find out more at the WSLC meetings at the Museum. Each month expect presentations, demonstrations, and info on cutting and polishing stones! Programs are announced. Club Meetings are at 1 p.m.; programs at 2 p.m. Register at the website.

Ladama: 7:30 p.m. Lund Auditorium, 7900 West Division Street, River Forest. $28 - $43. This ensemble of women are sisters in song, rhythm and spirit. Harnessing music from their respective countries of origin, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, and the U.S., the group utilizes traditional and non-traditional instruments, but with a modern twist to produce Latin Alternative music.

Teen Volunteer Hour: 12-1 p.m. Westmont Public Library, 428 N Cass Ave, Westmont. westmont.librarycalendar.com. Earn a volunteer hour by helping Librarians clean toys.

Sunday, January 29

Family Open Gym: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Churchville Middle School, 155 Victory Parkway, Elmhurst. Free. (630) 993-8900. epd.org. Get your game on and play with the whole family this winter at FREE Family Open Gym. Sundays, January 8-March 5. This is not a drop-off program, a guardian must remain with children at all times.

Monday, January 30

5 Steps to Self-Defense: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. We are excited to team up with Lindsey Daehnke, Founder and Lead Instructor at Strictly Self-Defense. Lindsey discusses self-defense including bystander intervention. Waiver completion is required prior to attending this program. The waiver link will be emailed to those who successfully register.

Fisher-Price--Celebrating Over 80 Years of Fun (In-Person): 7-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Discover the history of Fisher-Price from its start in 1931, and learn how the business evolved to stay successful and remain one of the top toy companies today. This program is live in-person, or register to attend virtually on Zoom.

Animal Crossing: 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Calling all Villagers! Book your flight with Dodo Airlines to share your tips and tricks to create our Library island.

Tuesday, January 31

Intro to Aromatherapy Blending: 6:30-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive. Explore the art and science of creating essential oil blends! Uncover what essential oils are and what they are not, plus the history, production, and safety of oils. Each patron walks away with a free roller made in class. Registration is required.

iPhone/iPad Basics (2-Session Class): 2-3:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This program is an IPPL cardholder exclusive. Learn to navigate the home screen, manage apps, and device settings, and browse the internet. This two-session class and participants must be able to attend both sessions. Bring your device, Apple ID, and password. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive.

Wednesday, February 1

Book Scouts Drop-In: 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Drop in to scout out some of our newest junior novels. We'll listen to some quick book talks, have snacks and have optional activities to participate in. If a book sounds like a good read, you can check it out and take it home with you.

Health at Every Size - When Health is More than a Number on the Scale: 6-7 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Has the number on the scale ever ruined your mood or dictated what you ate (or didn't eat) in a day? Registered Dietitian Meghan Scully, RD, LDN, CEDS, explains the principles of Health at Every Size (HAES). She clarifies misconceptions around this alternative approach to healthcare. Register.

Online--Chair Yoga: 1-2 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Dancing Cranes Yoga teaches this chair yoga class, which provides an enjoyable opportunity for adults to improve flexibility. This program will be held online via Zoom. You will receive an email with the Zoom information three hours before the program begins.

Parachute Storytime: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Enjoy stories and more while developing cognitive, motor, and social skills. Register using the child's name. For children 18-36 months with a caregiver.

Tiny Art Kit - IPPL cardholder exclusive: Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. IPPL cardholder exclusive. Calling artists of

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all ages and abilities. Show off your artistic talents by participating in our Tiny Art Show. While supplies last; register to receive a mini art kit and create your original umbrella theme artwork. Kits must be picked up February 1-5.

Crochet Along--Gingham Baby Blankets: 3-4:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. If you enjoy crochet and are interested in learning new stitches or sharing your knowledge—join in for this virtual crochet-a-long. Find the Zoom link at eisenhowerlibrary.org/tag/crochet-along

Evening Book Club, Adult : 7-8 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. The evening book discussion group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Books are available at the circulation desk one month before the meeting.

Thursday, February 2

Nonfiction at Night Book Discussion--The Light of Days by Judy Batalion: 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For readers who like true stories and thoughtful conversations, this month's book is: The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos by Judy Batalion. This searing history brings to light the accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters.

Thursday Afternoon Movie: 1:30-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Enjoy watching Brian and Charles on a big screen. A lonely inventor named Brian dedicates his life to building futile machines. He decides to undertake a new project of building an artificially intelligent robot to keep himself company. Popcorn is provided. Sponsored by the Foundation & Friends.

Pub Trivia: 7-8:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Test how much you know with a pub quiz and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to six people, or let us match you up with a team. Registration is required for this live in-person program.

Toddler Time, Ages 18 months-3 years: 10-10:30 a.m. River Forest Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. For ages 18 months-3 years with caregiver to join in for stories, music, and movement. Children under age 5 must be in the immediate supervising vicinity of a caregiver at all times while at the library.

Friday, February 3

Genealogy After-Hours: 7-9 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Members of the Indian Prairie Library Genealogy Group are on hand to answer questions in this after-hours research session. Geared for beginners, but open to anyone. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for entry and close promptly at 7:10 p.m. and no other library services are available.

Board Game Night (for 20 & 30 somethings): 6:30-8:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. For ages 18-40 only to join live in-person for a night of open gaming with other board game fans. Bring your own game to share or play one of ours. Registration is required.

Saturday, February 4

In-Person ESL Conversation Group: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. Drop-in.

LEGO Robotics Coding & Sumo Challenge: 12-2 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library -Wait List Available, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. There are no seats available but a waiting list is available. Build and code LEGO EV3 robots, and at the end of class, we will have a Sumo robot challenge.

Cloth Portraits Drop-in: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. See the magic behind the exhibits under the stairs and ask questions of the artist, Donna Castellanos. Then, get in on the fun and make your own portrait out of up-cycled cloth and craft materials. No registration required for this drop-in event.

Rock and Mineral Identification: 10:30-11:45 a.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $10 - $20. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Geologist Sara Kurth teaches the techniques for rock and mineral identification. Learn to identify minerals through basic hands-on identification including observation skills and hardness tests. Great for rockhounds and scouts, this class completes the earth science badges for Cub and Boy Scouts.

Rockin' Jewelry for Kids: 1:30-2:15 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $15. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Kids ages 8 years and up can learn to make a necklace, a keychain, and a pin. All materials are included in individual kits ($15 fee per person includes the Jewelry Kit). After the class, tour the Museum and complete a scavenger hunt. Reservations are required at www.lizzadromuseum.org

Sunday, February 5

Dancing With The Stars--Live! - 2023 Tour: 8 p.m. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. $47.50 - $123. The version of Dancing with the Stars that comes to venues all around the country has a lot in common with its TV iteration. It features some of your favorite celebrity guests from the series as well as some of the dance routines that have proven to be the most popular with fans of the show.

Monday, February 6

African American Soldiers in WWI & WWII: 6:30-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. It's Black History Month. Learn about the contributions and hear stories of African American Soldiers in WWI and WWII with author and historian Art T. Burton.

Can You Hear Me?--Hearing Loss & Communication: 10-11 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Understand the impact of hearing loss on communication and discuss assistive technology that is available to address communication challenges. Registration is required.

Hybrid Gentle Mat Yoga: 1-2 p.m. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Free. (708) 453-7645. il.evanced.info. This class involves gentle stretching with some standing, sitting, and lying down poses. Learn about your body and breathing, while focusing on flexibility and the relaxation of body and mind. This is a hybrid program, so attendees can join in person or remotely via Zoom. Sign up today!

Greed in the Gilded Age--The Brilliant Con of Cassie Chadwick: 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Author William Hazelgrove, author of the book, Greed in the Gilded Age: The Brilliant Con of Cassie Chadwick, tells the story of this Gatsby-esque tale of mystery, money, sex, and scandal. Following the presentation, his book is available for purchase and signing. Registration is required.

Introduction to Embroidery: 10-11 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. ippl.libcal.com. Our experts will guide you through the basics of the embroidery machine and use Hatch software to find and create your own designs.

Online Program--Why Am I Not Getting the Job Offer?: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Tired of rejection letters? Join in to learn what you might do differently to get an offer. This program is held online via Zoom. Registration is required. You will receive an email with the Zoom information one to three hours before the program begins.

Black History Month Highlight: 2-6 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Join in this live, in-person program each week when famous Black American artists, scientists, activists, athletes, and authors are highlighted. Activities to make and take are available while supplies last. (No registration taken).

Makery Craft--Aromatherapy Neck Pillow: 9 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. One reservation per Library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last.

President Who? Lesser Known Presidents in American History (Virtual): 7-8:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info. Learn about Filmore, Arthur, or Harrison and other lesser-known presidents throughout our nation's history. Discover how they became President, what they did once they reached the Oval Office, and more. Register to receive the Zoom information to join. Also, there are some in-person seats.

Adult Book Discussion--Tangerine: 2-3:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. This month's Adult Book Discussion book is Tangerine by Christine Mangan. Find the link to join on Zoom at wp.me/pbFvB5-12pb.

Beginning Guitar for Teens: 7-8 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. For beginning teen guitarists. Learn basic chords, scales and how to play in a group. Bring your guitar if you have one. There will be several library guitars available, but it's nice to get comfortable with your own. Save your seats at eisenhowerlibrary.org/teens.

Wednesday, February 8

Painting with Penguins: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. An IPPL cardholder exclusive. Explore colors

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Bid Notice

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of School District 90, 7776 Lake Street, River Forest, Illinois 60305 will receive proposals from qualified contractors only for the specified 2023 Lincoln Re-Roofing project. The scope of work includes re-roofing and coating of the designated roofing systems at the Lincoln Elementary School in River Forest, IL and all related mechanical, electrical and plumbing disconnects and re-connects, according to specifications and drawings prepared by C. E. Crowley & Associates, Inc., Roofing/Waterproofing Consultants, of Mundelein, IL. All work will require a two-year contractor warranty in addition to manufacturer warranties for specified materials. Drawings and specifications will be available at a pre-proposal meeting. Proposals must be sent or delivered to the District #90 Offices, 7776 Lake Street, River Forest, Illinois 60305 on or before 2:00 PM (prevailing time) Thursday, February 9, 2023 and all proposals will be opened and read aloud at that time. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bidders must attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal walk-through on Monday, January 30, 2023 @ 10:30 AM At Lincoln Elementary School, 511 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305
1/26/2023 7363924

HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86

LEGAL NOTICE
Solicitation #23-014 Athletic Trainers

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, for Athletic Trainers.

The documents are available by contacting Tina Snyder, CPPB, at email **Msnyder@hinsdale86.org**, or by phone (630) 570-8003.

Sealed bids are due **no later than 11:00AM CST** on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** at Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Offices, District Administrative Center, 5500 South Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois and shall be marked "Sealed Bid, Attention Ms. Tina Snyder, NIGP-CPP, CPPB". A public bid opening will occur after the bid due time at the Administrative Center.

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The WRW FSB Trust, the EVW 1937 FSB Trust, the EVW FSB Trust, and William R. Wirtz as trustee of the aforementioned trusts, all of Chicago, Illinois, intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to join the William R. Wirtz Family Control Group, a group acting in concert, to retain 25 percent or more of the shares and thereby control of First Security Bancorp, Inc ., Elmwood Park, Illinois. First Security Bancorp, Inc. controls First Security Trust and Savings Bank, 7315 West Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL, 60707. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.
You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The comment period will not end before February 16, 2023 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Jane Dokko, Vice President of Community Development and Policy Studies at (312) 322-6827; to request a copy of the notice, contact Colette A. Fried at (312) 322-6846. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.
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Public Notices

Board of Education
Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401
8201 West Fullerton Ave
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401, Elmwood Park, Illinois, will hold a School Board Meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Elmwood Park High School located at 8201 W Fullerton Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707

The purpose of this School Board Meeting/ Public Hearing is to consider and receive public comment on a request for renewal of the e-Learning Program related to Section 10-20.56 of the School Code to utilize "e-learning days" in lieu of emergency days.
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Storage - Legal

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(IL-Mt. Prospect-5506)
1751 S. Linneman Rd. Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
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Notice of Sale

Tenant:	**Unit #**
Brazelton, Renee	705178
Carter, Latiana	D56585
Designs by Nichelle	353918
Dumas, Betty	708229
Fregeau, Samantha & Matthew	705620
Harper, Terry	351987
Jones, Renee	800222
Rieck, Robert	704047
Rieck, Robert	802658
Riley, Timothy	802305
Wigsmoen, Amy	D05067
Jensen, Sharron	D04005
Brianne and Andrew Lewis (LDM)	704431
Louise Storino (LDM)	703018
Troy Lund (LDM)	D52701
Troy Lund (LDM)	D67712
Howard Davis (LDM)	D59341

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Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 2023 7366560

Storage - Legal

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Metro Self Storage

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned self storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, with Metro Storage LLC as managing agent for Lessor, for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and is located at the respective address below. The sale will be conducted under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (441.002059) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing and bidding five (5) days prior to the sale on **www.StorageTreasures.com.** The bidding will close on February 16, 2023 beginning at 9:30 AM. The terms of the sale will be cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged per unit. All sales are final. Metro Self Storage LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner.

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Unit 883 Ignacio Ortiz.

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Metro Self Storage - 847 Deerfield Parkway, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, 847-272 7731
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WHAT TO DO COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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with this process art activity based on the book Penguins Love Colors by Sarah Aspinall. For Families with children 7 and under.

Saying Yes to Your Story--A Conversation with Kwame Alexander (Virtual): 7-7:45 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an evening of inspiration and conversation virtually with Kwame Alexander, author of The Crossover, The Undefeated, and most recently, An American Story. Kwame shares ways to say yes to your story and persist in the face of rejection. He shares his own publishing journey.

Teen D&D Character Creation Workshop: 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. If you've never created a character before or just want a little help, stop by our Dungeons and Dragons Character Creation Workshop to get set up before we play. This program is for teens Grades 7-12; please refer to the middle school and adult programs for those age groups.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons: 5-7 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. ippl.libcal.com. This is for high school students and those age 13 & up to live their tabletop RPG dreams! Stop by the Teen Lounge to learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons, a social game where the only limits are one's imagination and the roll of the dice. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

English Conversation Hour: 2-3 p.m. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Free. (708) 453-7645. il.evanced.info. Practice your English language skills with this hour of guided conversation. This program is for those who have basic English skills already. No sign-up required!

Saying Yes to Your Story with Author Kwame Alexander: 7-8 p.m. Eisenhower Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-2299. eisenhowerlibrary.org. Join us for an evening with best-selling kid's and YA author, Kwame Alexander. As a creator of more than 36 books, Kwame will energize attendees to harness the power of storytelling for change! Register to join on Zoom or to watch the event on the big screen at eisenhowerlibrary.org/alexander.

Afternoon Book Club, Adult: 1:30-2:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. The afternoon book discussion group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Books are available at the circulation desk one month before the meeting.

Thursday, February 9

Cake Truffle Workshop: 5-6:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Ages 13+. Why buy chocolate truffles when you can make your own? During this workshop we'll be learning how to make basic cake chocolate truffles, as well as a few ways to tinker with the recipe to make it your own.

Pathological: 6-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Sarah Fay (Ph.D., MFA) is an award-winning author and mental health advocate. Her experience of being diagnosed with six different mental health disorders and finding no relief led her to write this journalistic memoir. Come hear her story.

Monet-inspired Haystacks: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave, Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurst-publiclibrary.evanced.info. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Create your own Impressionist-inspired artwork. Use pastels to mimic the painting techniques used by Monet in his Stacks at Giverny series.

English Conversation Hour: 7-8 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. Join in for an hour of casual conversation with other patrons who are learning English as a second language. No lessons, just a place to practice your English skills.

Saturday, February 11

Hot Chocolate Storytime: 10-11 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Warm up on a cold morning with a yummy cup of hot cocoa and enjoy stories, songs, and a craft. For families with children 7 and under.

Online Program--Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham Virtual Author/Illustrator Visit: 3-4 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Join us for a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham! They'll talk about their books, answer questions, and share an activity! Participate via Zoom or attend a Library watch part. Interactive kits available Feb. 6-11. Registration required. Held online via Zoom.

Have an event to submit? Please go to chicagotribune.com/thingstodo.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Where do heavy metals in some chocolate come from?

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

A recent analysis by Consumer Reports found that many chocolates contained lead and cadmium. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I was disappointed to read that some chocolate bars have high amounts of heavy metals. My particular favorite was high in both lead and cadmium. Can you tell me why? Are there any chocolates that are safe to eat?

A: Consumer Reports published an analysis of popular chocolate brands in a recent issue. Unfortunately, as you note, many were contaminated with lead, others with cadmium and a few with both.

Cadmium comes from the tropical soils in which cacao trees grow. The trees get cadmium along with nutrients and it accumulates in cacao beans as they mature.

The origin of lead contamination seems to be different. Freshly harvested cacao beans don't have much lead, but as they dry, they accumulate dust. In some environments, the dust is full of lead. According to Consumer Reports, keeping harvested beans off the ground and away from roads and dust will cut down on the lead in chocolate bars.

Consumer Reports identified five "safer" chocolate bars that came in under the maximum allowable dose level for these metals. They are Ghirardelli Intense Dark (both 72% and 86% cacao), Taza Chocolate Deliciously Dark (70%), Mast Dark Chocolate (80%) and Valrhona Abinao (85%).

Q: I have been taking 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily. As a result, I believe, I have not had a gout flare-up in over 15 years.

When I used to get a gout attack, I would boost the dose and add ibuprofen. That resulted in milder pain that only lasted a few days instead of weeks.

A: In 2005, researchers at Johns Hopkins University conducted a placebo-controlled study to find out how taking vitamin C (500 milligrams daily for two months) affected blood uric acid levels (Arthritis and Rheumatism, June 2005). That trial demonstrated that the vitamin supplement significantly lowered this primary risk factor for gout.

The Physicians' Health Study II collected data from middle-aged male doctors for a decade. An analysis of the information on these 14,641 men shows that those taking vitamin C (500 milligrams/day) were diagnosed with gout at a rate of 8 per 1,000 person-years (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Sept. 2, 2022). In comparison, the men on placebo developed gout at rate just over 9 per 1,000 person-years. That may not sound impressive, but it is a 12% relative reduction in the risk of gout.

Q: I have been taking zolpidem for at least 10 years. I have no side effects. I tried getting off but just cannot. I would like to know if there are any long-term consequences I should be aware of.

I'm trying to cut back by using GABA and melatonin. Do you have any other recommendations?

A: Doctors are still debating whether long-term zolpidem (Ambien) use might increase the risk for cognitive difficulties (Experimental Gerontology, July 15, 2020). Falls and fractures might be more of a hazard over the years.

GABA (gamma-aminobutyric acid) and melatonin are both produced in the brain. Drugs that work through GABA don't appear helpful for insomnia (BMJ, Nov. 18, 2022). A review and meta-analysis of melatonin found that it may be helpful for children and adolescents with insomnia (Sleep Medicine Reviews, December 2022). For adults, however, this supplement was not very effective.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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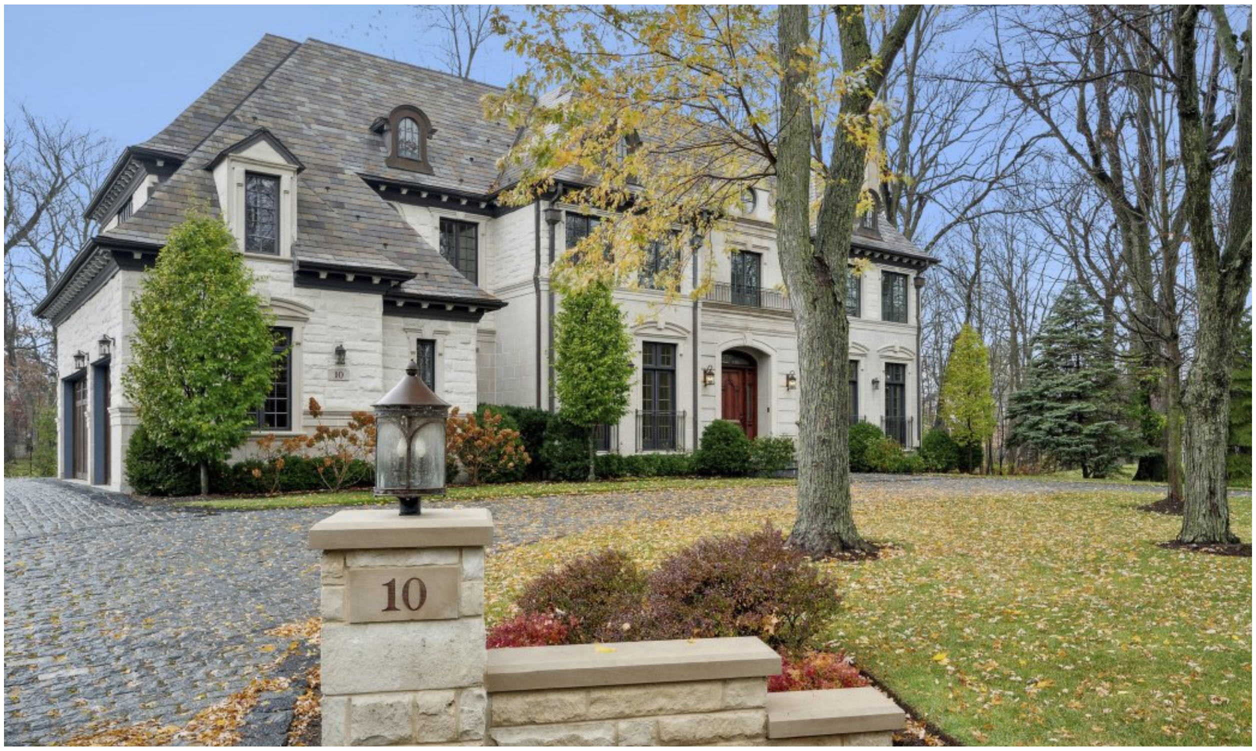

BRAD SCHADE PHOTOS

Glencoe 5-bedroom home with wood-paneled library: $3M

Address: 10 Lakewood Drive, Glencoe
Price: $3,000,000
Listed: Jan. 9, 2023

This five-bedroom limestone home has five full bathrooms, three half baths, six fireplaces and a wood-paneled library. The dining room has an adjoining butler's pantry, and the kitchen has quartz counters, a Wolf range, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and an island. The primary bedroom suite has two custom walk-in closets and French doors that open onto a private balcony. The suite's bathroom has a copper soaking tub, a separate shower with multi-body sprays, double vanities and a dressing table. The lower level features radiant heat floors, a recreation room, a game room, a custom bar, a wine cellar, a theater and an exercise room with a sauna. Hickory floors and a three-car radiant-heated garage complete this home.

Agent: Pam McClamroch, Coldwell Banker, 847-772-4211

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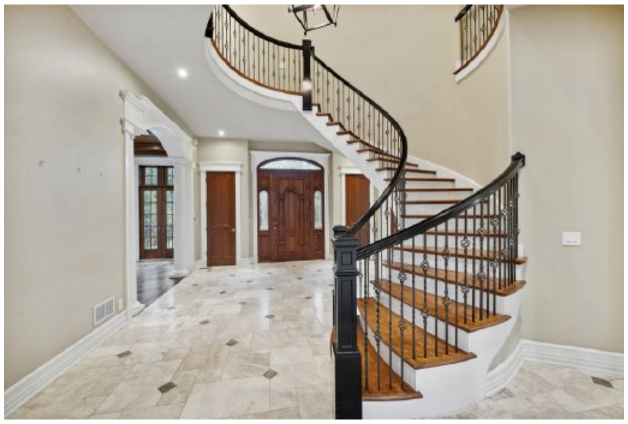

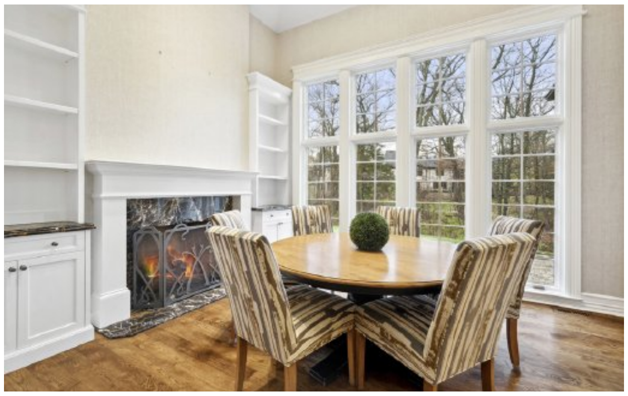

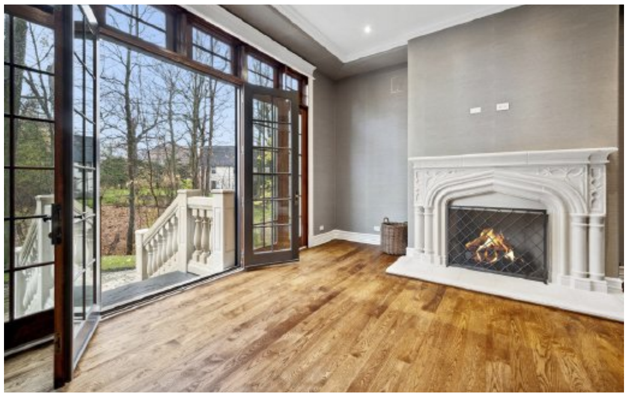

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